Dover District Council

Recycling Guide

Properties with bags and boxes

Everything you need to know about recycling in Dover District to help you, recycle right, every time.



Whether you're recycling at home, using your food waste service, or looking for ways to reduce waste, this guide will help you make the right choice.

Working together for a cleaner, greener Dover District

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Recycle Right

Put these in your blue box

- **Plastic bottles** (including shampoo and shower gel bottles)
- **Food tins & drink cans**
- **Aerosols & foils**
- **Food & drinks cartons**
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Plastic pots, tubs, trays & tubes**



Help us recycle more efficiently by removing lids from glass jars and bottles, allowing glass and metal to be sorted correctly.

Plastic lids can stay on plastic bottles.

Remember to empty and rinse all containers first.

<u>Do not</u> put these in your recycling bins

- ✖ **Batteries**
- ✖ **Electrical items**
- ✖ **Vapes**
- ✖ **Food waste**
- ✖ **Nappies**
- ✖ **Garden Waste**
- ✖ **Soil and Rubble**
- ✖ **Plastic toys**
- ✖ **Clothes**
- ✖ **Paints and oils**
- ✖ **Black sacks / plastic bags**
- ✖ **Paper and card**

Helping residents recycle more, waste less and keep valuable materials in circulation.

Paper & Card Recycling

Place paper and cardboard in your black box



Flatten cardboard boxes and place in your recycling box.





Warning

Electricals, batteries and vapes should never be put in your bins.

Keep your home, collection crews and vehicles **safe from fire,** by recycling electricals, batteries and vapes correctly.

Take vapes to a Household Waste Recycling Centre or return them to a participating vape shop for recycling.





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Food Waste Recycling



Almost all food can be recycled

- **Fruit and vegetables**
- **Meat, fish & bones**
- **Dairy products**
- **Bread, rice and pasta**
- **Leftovers**
- **Tea bags and coffee grounds**

Please use compostable bags or newspaper.

No plastic bags.

Small changes can make a big difference.

Here are some practical tips to help you reduce waste, save money, and benefit the environment.

- Write a list before you go shopping and only buy what you need and will use
- Buy loose fruit and vegetables and avoid items that are heavily packaged
- Use up leftovers for meals the next day.

Scan the QR code for inspiration on how you can use leftovers.

www.wrap.ngo/take-action/love-food-hate-waste

Need a food waste caddy?
Scan the QR code or visit: **https://portal.waste.dover.gov.uk/recycling-rubbish/property-search**

General Waste

My collection day is...

Do not place purple sacks out before your collection day.

Please store them securely until collection day to help prevent nuisance from wildlife and reduce litter.



Place your recycling and rubbish within **1m of your property boundary** by **7am on your collection day.**

- Replacement purple sacks are delivered every 13 weeks.
- Present no more than four purple sacks per refuse collection.
- Only use purple sacks supplied through the council's sack service.

Please Note: Your collection day may change over the festive period.

Bulky Waste

Large items such as furniture, mattresses and household appliances cannot be placed in communal bin areas.

These items can be:

- Taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre
- Donated if still in good condition
- Collected through the Council's bulky waste collection service



Got bulky waste?
Scan the QR code or visit:
www.dover.gov.uk/bulky-waste

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Contaminated Waste

If the wrong items are placed in your recycling bin, it may not be collected.

- **Food waste**
- **Black sacks / plastic bags**
- **Nappies**
- **Electrical items**
- **Batteries and vapes**
- **Paper and card**



Putting the right items in your recycling bin helps ensure that more materials can be successfully recycled into new products.

If recycling contains items that cannot be accepted, the quality of the collected materials may be affected, reducing the amount that can be recycled.

Batteries



Batteries can be recycled at the kerbside with your other recycling. Simply place them in a battery recycling bag, or a clear food bag, and leave them on top of your black box on collection day.

Please keep button batteries separate from A/C/D batteries.

Free battery recycling bags are available from the Council Offices at White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ.

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Seagulls

If your property is affected by seagull attacks, you may be eligible for a seagull-resistant bag to protect your purple sacks on collection day.

Requests for seagull-resistant bags are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To request a seagull-resistant bag:

Tel: 01304 872428

Or apply via the council's online portal.

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.dover.gov.uk/general-rubbish



How to use your seagull proof sacks

- Mark your seagull-resistant bag with your house number or property name.
- Place tied purple rubbish sacks inside the seagull-resistant bag for collection.
- Do not put loose rubbish in the seagull-resistant bag.
- Do not leave extra purple sacks beside the bag. You are responsible for any litter caused by torn sacks.
- The seagull-resistant bag will be left outside your property after collection.
- Bring your seagull-resistant bag back inside as soon as possible after collection. It folds flat for easy storage.



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Need Help Recycling?

Not sure where an item goes?

Search our A-Z guide for recycling advice on hundreds of everyday items.

www.dover.gov.uk/recycling-a-to-z

Reuse, repair & recycle

Reuse

- Take your shopping bags with you when you go to the shops and remember to keep empty ones in your car.
- Use refillable water bottles and coffee cups.
- Keep sandwiches in a reusable lunch box instead of wrapped in foil.



Repair

Give broken items a second life before throwing them away. Visit the Dover and Deal Repair Cafés, where skilled volunteers provide free help to repair everyday items. From broken zips and children's bikes to well-loved teddies, bring your item along and see if it can be fixed.

Recycle

Make the most of opportunities to reduce waste. Recycle as much as possible through kerbside collections or your local recycling centre, donate or recycle unwanted clothes, and give items a new life by swapping, selling, sharing or passing them on to others.

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To learn more about reducing waste, scan the QR code or visit:
www.dover.gov.uk/reuse-repair-recycle