

# Waste Guide

**(Almost)** Everything You  
need to know about how  
to manage your waste  
effectively in West Suffolk.

 **Suffolk recycles**



## Recycling guide for your blue recycling bin.



Clean  
Dry  
Loose

Only these items in your recycling bin and nothing else. **No bagged items.** Other items will cause contamination reducing the quality of recycling and your bin will not be emptied.



### Metals



Aluminium foil and trays. Roll foil into a ball



Food and drinks cans



Empty aerosols - no paint, fertilizer or weed killer



### Paper and card



Books - paperback and hardback



Paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail



Cardboard, clean food packaging, boxes and cards



### Plastics



Plastic bottles. Empty, wash and squash and lid on



Plastic yoghurt pots, tubs and food trays

These items must be bigger  
than 4cm

**Do not place these items in your recycling bin.**



## **General waste bin. Use for household waste only.**



### **Yes please**

- All non recyclable waste
- Disposable nappies
- Animal waste or bedding
- Polystyrene



### **No thanks**

- Any clean items that can be recycled  
(use blue bin for these)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Soil, garden waste
- Rubble, brick and stones
- Electrical items
- Gas canisters
- Batteries
- Textiles

## Garden waste collection service



### Manage garden waste with ease.

We operate a subscription based garden waste collection service. It is a convenient way to get rid of your garden waste without the hassle.

Team up with your neighbour to make it worth while. To find out the cost of this service and full terms and conditions please visit:

[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

## Presentation and storage of wheeled refuse bins



### Help us to help you manage your waste.

- Put your **house number** on your bin, this helps to ensure that bins are not missed by our crews.
- Store your bins on **your own property** on non-collection days.
- On collection day place your bins on the kerbside, but **take care not to obstruct any roads or paths.**
- Remember to put your bins out by **6.30am.**
- Take your bins back on to your property as soon as possible after collection.
- Waste should **only be contained in your bins.** Any additional waste needs to be taken to a recycling centre.
- **Rinse and squash** your cans and plastic bottles to save more room in your recycling bin.

## More recycling options

### Bottle banks



**Did you know that glass bottles could be back on the shelves in 30 days?**

We recycle 70% of our glass in Suffolk but we could still do a little bit more to give glass bottles and jars a new lease of life!

There are over 1000 glass recycling bring banks in Suffolk. Find your nearest bring bank: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-bring-banks](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-bring-banks)

You can recycle glass bottles and jars without any loss of quality, so it doesn't make sense to let this valuable resource go to waste. In Suffolk we do not accept bottles in our recycling bins. The recycled material is hand sorted and it can cause injury to people, also it reduces the quality of the recycling material.



## Textile banks

**There are textile banks across the county where you can dispose unwanted clothing.**



Make sure the hatch is not blocked by putting textiles in small bags. If the bank is full, please find an alternative bank to dispose. Find your nearest bank:

[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-bring-banks](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-bring-banks)

To find out other ways to 'love your clothes' visit:

[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/textiles-waste](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/textiles-waste)

## Charity shops



**Donating and buying re-usable items from local charity shops is a great way to avoid things going to waste.**

You can donate at all of Suffolk's recycling centres in the re-use container or you can take them to a charity shop.

Local charity shops are at the heart of the community. Find out where your item can be taken: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/charity-shops](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/charity-shops)

## Recycling centres



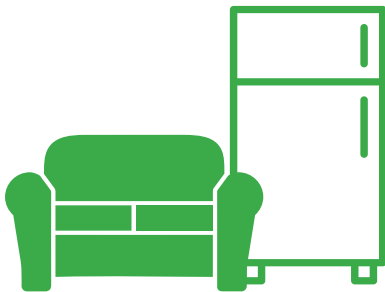
**Across West Suffolk there are a number of sites where you can recycle a wide range of materials including:**

- electrical items
- batteries
- engine oil
- cooking oil
- carpets
- wood
- furniture and many more.

For a full list, locations and opening times visit:

[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres)

## Bulky waste collections



**You can request a bulky waste collection from us by getting in touch online or by phone.**

There is a minimum non-refundable charge which covers up to five items. We use an appointment system and you will be given a collection day.

Please visit [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/bulky-items.cfm](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/bulky-items.cfm) for details and full terms and conditions.



## Waste reduction campaigns

### #FoodSavvy



**This campaign is designed to help households cut food waste.**

It gives you savvy tips on shopping, meal planning, recipes and how to use leftovers to avoid throwing it away.

[www.foodsavvy.org.uk/](http://www.foodsavvy.org.uk/)

### Home composting



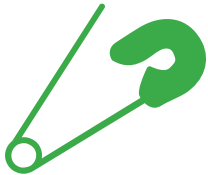
**The Suffolk Waste Partnership have launched a great new scheme which gives Suffolk residents the chance to buy home composting bins for a reduced price.**

Home composting is an environmentally friendly way to get rid of your green waste, and if you have kids it provides a great way to learn about micro organisms.

It also offers courses where keen gardeners can learn the 'science' of composting and become Master Composters.

Find out more: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/home-composting](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/home-composting)

## **Cloth nappies**



**Cloth nappies are cheaper, easy to use and a more environmentally friendly alternative to disposable nappies.**

To find out about the benefits and how you can try them, go to: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/cloth-nappies](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-your-waste/cloth-nappies)

## **Volunteer with us!**



**Love where you live is about putting you in the driving seat to improve your local environment and get to know your community.**

Whether you want to volunteer as an individual or organise an event at a school or the company you work for there are many ways that you can be involved.

We'll provide you with an essential kit to get you started. Find out the details and how to sign up: [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/lwyl/](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/lwyl/)

If you have a good story or picture you want to share with us you can send it to [volunteers@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

## **Contact us**

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