

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

A new household waste strategy for Douglas



This summer, Douglas Borough Council has introduced a new strategy for collecting household waste. The changes will create a more environmentally responsible system, encouraging everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

There are two major changes for households:

Garden Waste Collections (GWC)

Fortnightly domestic garden waste collections began at the end of August. The garden waste collections will operate between February and October each year, with each eligible household supplied with a new 240-litre wheelie bin specifically for the garden waste. This service will complement our existing kerbside recycling collection operation and the Eastern Civic Amenity Site will continue to provide skips for garden waste.



You can put the following items in your garden waste bin: grass cuttings, hedge cuttings, leaves, bark and tree prunings, twigs and small branches up to 5cm (2") across, bedding from herbivore pets (e.g. rabbits, guinea pigs), cut flowers, plants and weeds. Any contamination placed in the bin may result in it not being collected and repeated contamination may result in the service being withdrawn.

Request your Garden waste bin by contacting 696448 or email recycling@douglas.gov.im, requests received will be planned into the delivery schedule

Fortnightly Refuse Collections

Household rubbish collections will move from weekly to fortnightly, starting 26 September.



Why are these changes being introduced?

The main reason for these changes are environmental. We are a UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man partner, and as such we are committed to strengthening our green credentials and encouraging responsible waste management behaviour.

'As a society, it is crucial that we decrease the volume of waste we produce and maximise the proportion we recycle - and if we can achieve this, it will be a positive environmental change for Douglas. If you are unsure about any of these changes, please don't worry. We will help households over the coming months, with advice and assistance, including assessments for those households which may have more complex requirements.'

Chair of Environmental Services Committee



Do your bit for Douglas
and help save the planet

Types of Collection



General Waste Collection
Every 2 weeks



Garden Waste Collection
Every 2 weeks
Feb - Oct

"The current recycling rate in the Borough is only 6%. After our recent audit (Mar22) over 5% by weight of the material found in the bins collected from sample households was recyclable plastic, which is a bulky commodity and would generate significant capacity in your wheelie bins, if it were placed out for kerbside collection"



Recycling Collection
Every 2 weeks



Kerbside recycling collection days are dependent on your address. You can download your area's collection date calendar from www.recyclenow.im/when-is-my-pick-up

Need a reminder?

Scan this code to automatically set up a reminder for your collections. Please note, some dates may differ due to bank holidays



What can be recycled?



Clean empty plastic bottles and containers and cans, including:

- ✓ Soft drinks and milk bottles
- ✓ Shampoo and cosmetic bottles
- ✓ Empty household cleaner bottles
- ✓ Metal cans, tins and aerosols
- ✓ Foil / foil trays

We can recycle plastics 1, 2 and 5 - so keep an eye out for these symbols:



Clean empty glass bottles:

- ✓ Glass bottles and jars (intact)



- ✓ Brown cardboard
- ✓ White and grey cardboard boxes and food packaging



Paper, grey, white and brown card, clean and dry, including:

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Soft backed catalogues
- ✓ Phone directories (1 per box)
- ✓ White paper & envelopes
- ✓ Bagged shredded paper

If you have questions...

A comprehensive list of FAQs, which will be updated on a regular basis is available on our website.

