

ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFING

Simpler Recycling - Getting ready for waste segregation changes by 31st March 2025

Summary

We recently introduced the new Simpler Recycling legislation and the changes required on all sites in England by 31st March 2025. Segregation requirements previously introduced in Wales remain unchanged. It has been agreed with Biffa that to meet the new legal requirements the following separate bins will be required:

- **Food** – in clear bin bags
- **Mixed Recycling** – dry recyclables (paper, card, plastics, metals) – in clear bin bags
- **General** – residual (non-recyclable) waste – in black bin bags
- **Glass** – *(only if glass waste will be generated – we are not expecting sites to need this)*

The significant change is that all sites serviced by Biffa will be provided with a new Food Waste collection bin and no provision will be available for the disposal of glass unless specifically requested locally. No glass will be permitted in the General, Mixed Recycling or Food Waste bins.

In order to prepare for the change please ensure that suitable segregated and labelled internal waste facilities are available as required at your site(s). Internal Three-Bin Recycling Station(s) (segregating recycling, general and food wastes) can be ordered from Biffa at a cost of £218 each.

The Three-Bin Recycling Stations come fully labelled and align with the Biffa external bins to make segregation easy and consistent across all sites. The total dimension of each station is 99cm x 50cm x 81cm – W x D x H.



General waste can be transferred to outside bins in **black bags**. Mixed recycling and food waste must be transferred to the outside bin in **clear bags**.

Key Points

- Our compliance with Simpler Recycling can only be assured through the use of Biffa. If an alternative waste management contractor is used then compliance must be confirmed with the Procurement and Sustainability teams before 31st March 2025.
- Each site serviced by Biffa will be receiving an additional Food Waste bin from Biffa before 31st March 2025.
- No glass will be permitted in the General, Mixed Recycling or Food Waste bins. A separate glass bin will need to be requested locally if required, but it is recommended that all glass waste be eliminated from site.
- **Please ensure that suitable segregated and labelled internal waste facilities are available as required at your site(s) (segregating recycling, general and food wastes) before 31st March 2025.**
- **Internal Three-Bin Recycling Station(s) (segregating recycling, general and food wastes) can be ordered through our Biffa Account Director - Ashton Chesterman-Bailey - ashton.chesterman-ba@biffa.co.uk**

Biffa Compliance Solution

General Waste	Mixed Recycling	Food Waste
<p>General waste container, what goes in?</p> <p>✓ Yes</p> <p>Flexible and soft plastic packaging Contaminated materials Soiled products</p> <p>✗ No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean paper, card, tins, cans or plastic containers • Food • Glass • Electrical or battery-operated devices and products <p>Remember If it can be recycled, put into the correct container ensuring it is clean and dry. Anything that cannot be recycled needs to go into the general waste.</p> <p>Biffa</p>	<p>Recycling container, what goes in?</p> <p>✓ Yes</p> <p>Clean paper and card Empty food and drink cans Newspapers and magazines Empty cartons e.g. fruit juices</p> <p>Clean plastic pots, tubs and trays Empty plastic bottles Clean aluminium foil and food trays Empty aerosol cans</p> <p>✗ No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shredded paper • Paper or cardboard contaminated with food/oil/grease/paint • Tissues/paper towels/kitchen roll • Till receipts • Laminated paper cups <p>Remember No hazardous waste. Make sure all material is clean, dry and uncontaminated. If the recycling waste is wet or contaminated with oils, foods etc, it cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Biffa</p>	<p>Food waste container, what goes in?</p> <p>✓ Yes</p> <p>Food Tea bags</p> <p>Plate scrapings Peelings Coffee grounds</p> <p>✗ No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used paper towels • Empty food containers and packaging • Large bones • Oils <p>Remember Make sure all food waste is free from contamination such as plates and cutlery. If the waste contains any material that is not food it cannot be recycled.</p> <p>Biffa</p>
Internal bins		
<p>Please use black bags to transfer to the outside bin</p>	<p>Please use clear bags to transfer to the outside bin</p>	<p>Please use clear bags to transfer to the outside bin</p>
External bins		
<p>General Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any waste that is not recyclable or that is contaminated 	<p>Mixed Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic • Metal • Paper and Card 	<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plate scrapings • Tea bags • Coffee grinds • Peelings and off-cuts • Unusable food waste