

Mixed

Blue lidded wheelie bin or blue box



Aerosol cans



Jars & glass bottles



Tins & cans



Food/drink cartons



Plastic tubs



Yoghurt pots



Ready meal trays



Plastic bottles



- Paper and cardboard
- Plastic bags/liners
- Plastic film
- Polystyrene
- General rubbish
- Drinking glasses
- Lightbulbs
- Oven-proof glass
- Sheet glass/window panes
- Garden waste

Paper & Card

Red bag



Cereal boxes



Paper bags



Junk mail



Newspapers



Cardboard



Envelopes



Catalogues



Magazines



- Hardback books
- Greetings cards with metallic or shiny finishes
- Mixed dry recycling
- General rubbish

Food Waste

Brown lockable bin and silver kitchen caddy



Note

Food caddies do not need to be lined however if you wish to you can only line your food caddy with newspaper or compostable bags bearing the compostable logo.

These are available to purchase in your local shops.



Meat, fish and bones



Fruit and vegetables



Dairy



Bread, pasta and rice



Teabags and coffee grounds



Eggshells



Pet food



- Garden waste
- Plastic bags
- Pet poo/cat litter
- Nappies
- Liquids
- Oil or liquid fats
- Food packaging

Non-recyclable

Black wheelie bin or black sack/seagull proof bag



Nappies



Plastic film and polystyrene



Pet poo/cat litter



- Recyclable materials
- Garden waste
- Hot ashes
- Electrical and electronic items
- Clinical waste
- Hazardous waste
- Paint
- Fluorescent tubes
- Additional rubbish placed outside your bin

Garden Waste

Green lidded wheelie bin (Chargeable Service)

Optional Chargeable Service

TDC can also provide an optional garden waste collection for an annual fee

How to Apply

For more information or to apply for your garden waste bin, please go to www.thanet.gov.uk or call **01843 577115**.



Hedge cuttings,
flower cuttings,
plants, leaves



Twigs and small
branches



Grass cuttings

From £1.46
per week



- Kitchen waste
- Pet poo
- Plant pots
- Bricks
- Large branches
- Invasive weeds
- Plastic bags
- Recycling

Q. What are the waste containers be used for?

- The small food caddy is for your kitchen and is emptied into the outside large food bin.
- The large food bin is for you to empty your kitchen caddy into and is to be kept outside. This will be collected on a weekly basis.
- Your original blue bin is for glass, tins, cans and all plastic containers. If you cannot accommodate a wheeled bin, we will offer you a 55 litre blue kerbside box.
- The red bag is for paper and cardboard.
- The existing black bin is for the very little leftover waste that can't be recycled.

Q. Why are we separating items when they're just being thrown together in the back of the refuse truck?

The refuse truck has separate compartments and the rubbish is emptied into the relevant sections. As a rule, materials are not mixed together. The refuse truck then deposits the waste in the relevant area at the recycling facility for sorting.

Q. What if I don't want the containers?

We can't make anyone recycle but as the containers are being delivered by an external contractor we can't stop the delivery. Please keep them and we would ask that you try to find a use for them.

Q. Will elderly and vulnerable people still be able to have an assisted collection?

Yes. We will continue to provide this service before and after the improved service introduction.

If you have a mobility disability that prevents you from putting out your bins/bags for collection, and you do not live with anyone who could put them out for you, please phone 577115 to request an Assisted Collection. You may be required to provide a medical certificate or one of our Waste & Recycling officers may visit you to discuss the arrangements.

Q: Which plastic recycling numbers (Plastic Identification Codes) can I put in my blue lidded bin or blue box when the improved scheme starts in November?

You will no longer need to refer to the plastic recycling numbers (Plastic Identification Codes) on your plastic items. If the item is a plastic bottle, pot, tub or tray it can be placed in your blue lidded bin for recycling. **Do not put in any plastic bags/liners/film or bubble wrap, these go in the black bin.**

Q. Can plastic bottle tops go into the blue bin?

No. These need to be removed and placed in your black bin. However, some local charities would be very grateful for these as they use them to raise money.

Q. Is food collected weekly?

Yes food waste will be collected weekly. For those that have their bins collected on alternate weeks they will have their brown external food bin collected each week.

Q. Why does the food caddy have holes in the top?

A. The internal food caddy has holes in the top to allow air to circulate helping to prevent the food from sweating and accelerating the decomposition.

Q. My kitchen caddy will get very dirty very quickly. What can I do?

You can line the caddy with compostable caddy liners or newspaper. A supply of compostable liners has been given to you with the new bins but once you have used these, you will need to buy them.

Q. Can I just put my kitchen caddy out for collection?

No. Please empty the kitchen caddy into the brown outside lockable bin.

Q. Can I put food waste in plastic bags?

No. Plastic will not compost. If you need to wrap food wastes use newspapers. Plastic bags that claim to be '100% degradable' are not suitable for composting so please do not use them; however, you may use 'compostable' liners.

Q. How do I stop getting maggots in my brown bin?

The easiest way to avoid maggots is to prevent flies laying eggs in your food waste. Avoid leaving food uncovered in the kitchen and make sure it is wrapped using newspaper or compostable caddy liners before putting it in the brown bin. Try to keep your brown bin out of direct sunlight and keep the lid locked. Keep your bin clean by using compostable caddy liners or newspaper to line and rinse regularly.

Q. Can I place full food containers in my brown food bin?

No. Only the food can be placed in the brown bin. Containers, if recyclable, should be washed and placed in your blue bin or your black bin in not recyclable.

Q. How do I prevent the red bag from blowing away?

The bag has a weight in the bottom that should help to stop it blowing away. The crews will be required to put the empty bags back inside the wheeled bin following collection wherever possible.

Q. What happens if the paper gets wet in the red bag?

We can accept the paper and card if it is slightly damp. The bag has a flap that can be secured with the Velcro tab. If there is cardboard within the bag, try to ensure that this is at the top of the bag covering as much of the contents as possible.

Q. What do I do with shredded paper?

If possible, place any shredded paper inside an envelope, a cardboard box or wrap it in newspaper or something similar.

Q. Can I recycle crisp packets, greetings cards or wrapping paper with shiny or metallic finishes or hardback books?

No, if you are in any doubt, place items in the black bin.

Q. Some items of waste are not listed, what should I do?

Put them in your black bin.

Q. Do the changes affect my separate garden waste collections?

No, your optional, chargeable garden waste collection service will still be provided.

Q. Why do I have to pay for Green Waste?

The council has no statutory duty to collect garden waste free of charge. Many residents in Thanet do not have gardens and many householders compost at home. Therefore the decision was made that council tax should not be used to provide a service which many people could not use.

Q. How is food waste recycled?

Food waste can be recycled in two ways - Invessel composting where all the waste is placed in a large enclosed tank that generates a great deal of heat that enables the waste matter to break down in a matter of weeks. This produces a high quality soil improver.

Alternatively, food can be composted via an anaerobic digester. This process generates a gas that is used to make electricity; the by-product of this is again a high quality soil improver. To begin with all waste will go to Invessel composting until an anaerobic digester is built at Richborough.