



Alternate Weekly Collection (Mainland) - Bin Collection Guide

Only approved Council issued containers should be presented for collection. These are grey or green wheelie bins, green boxes, and canvas recycling bags. The internal caddies, which were previously issued, are for storage of recycling streams only and must not be presented.

Collection

- Bins should be placed on the pavement by 08:00 on collection day, with handles facing the road.
- Bins should not block pavement access wherever possible. Please take your bin back as soon as possible if they are on a public footway.
- Bins may be stored in a bin store either within the boundary of a property or on the verge so long as they are removed and presented for collection no more than two metres from the roadside unrestricted by gates and fences.
- Access to containers, including lids should not be restricted by padlocks, chains, or bungee cords. If used, these must be removed on collection day for easy access. Orkney Islands Council have approved bin lid restraints for keeping the lid closed which can be found in our windy weather advice.
- Bins should not be overfilled, and it should be possible to close the lids. This is to prevent the potential for vermin to break open bags and spread litter about.
- No additional waste should be placed outside the bins.
- Please ensure that all recyclable materials (thin card & paper/glass/plastic bottles/metals) are placed loose in the bins, if they are mingled together, your bin will not be collected. Please rinse out tins and bottles. Internal caddies are provided for storage only and should not be used to present recycling for collection.
- It is recommended that household rubbish is bagged before placing in the wheelie bin to keep your bin clean and so it does not attract vermin.

Be Considerate

- If there is a possibility of the strength of the wind affecting your bins, please assess the situation and consider whether it is wise to put out your bin. You can find updates on the OIC web page news section as well as through the social media channels operated by OIC.
- Help your neighbour if elderly, for example by giving a helping hand on a windy day to put out or take in their bin.
- If on collection day your recycling bin is not full, and if it can last until the next collection date, please consider skipping this one and keep your bin stored safely for the next collection.

Liability and Council Procedures

- Wheelie Bins are the property of the Council; they are issued to households for safe and proper use to dispose of their waste and recycling. The bins are always therefore the

responsibility of the householder except for the period when council staff are emptying them. Householders should use their judgement on when and how to put out their bins.

If you have any queries on bin etiquette, please phone 01856873535 or email developmentandinfrastructure@orkney.gov.uk