

## Waste and recycling

We provide recycling containers for every household along with green and brown wheelie bins. You must place all your household waste in these bins and containers. Your green bin for household waste is collected every three weeks and your brown bin is collected every two weeks. Recycling containers are currently being collected every 3 weeks due to Covid safety measures we have had to put in place. Please check your bin calendar for updates.

Our guide below shows which bins or containers to use for specific materials. You can download a printable version of this guide on our website at:

[www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_77339.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_77339.html)

**What goes where?**

- Orange bin:** glass bottles, glass jars (please rinse)
- Brown bin:** grass cuttings, leaves, small branches, plants, weeds, hedge trimmings, ALL food waste
- Purple bin:** drinks cans, plastic drink bottles + lids, food tins, foil food trays, clean tin foil, aerosols, metal bottle tops, metal jar lids, plastic bottles, tablet / medicine bottles, yoghurt / margarine tubs (please rinse)
- Blue bin:** newspapers, magazines, phone books, cardboard boxes, cardboard packaging, beverage cartons, envelopes, letters, unwanted mail, scrap paper, shredded paper
- Green bin:** non-recyclable waste ONLY, cling film, plastic carrier bags, crisp packets, coffee pods, plastic toys


Please rinse / clean your glass and plastic before recycling


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[www.moray.gov.uk/waste](http://www.moray.gov.uk/waste)


## Bins

You can find out what day your bins go out by asking your housing officer or on our website at:

<http://bindayfinder.moray.gov.uk/>

 Bins should be on the kerbside by 7.30am on your scheduled collection day. You should not put bins out earlier than the evening before they are due to be collected.

 Make sure you bring your bin back to your property as soon as possible after they have been emptied. They can cause a nuisance if left on the kerbside and can be a hazard for people trying to get past.

 If you have a disability or find it difficult to place your bins and containers at the kerbside, you may be eligible for an 'assisted collection'. You can contact us by email at: [waste@moray.gov.uk](mailto:waste@moray.gov.uk) to ask for a form in order to apply.

## Bulky Uplift

We offer a Bulky Uplift service for items which are too large for your wheelie bin. This service has a small cost. We will collect up to 5 large items plus a maximum of 2 black bags. When you have booked your Bulky Uplift, items should be placed at your normal bin collection point from 7.30am on the arranged day.

**We will collect items such as:**



Fridges and freezers



Any item of standing furniture



Domestic electrical appliances



Carpets, rugs, vinyl, mattresses, beds and bedding



General waste that is non-recyclable

**Some items are not suitable for this service such as:**



Liquid in containers, for example paint pots.



Materials from home improvements such as bathroom suites, doors, radiators, kitchen units, gas cylinders, large planks of wood, plasterboard, skirting boards, windows and window frames.



Garden materials such as earth or turf, sheds, greenhouses, hedging and trees.



Car parts, pianos or mirrors.

**To check availability or book this service please contact our Waste Team on 0300 1234 565**

## Garden waste permit

We will only collect your garden waste if it is placed in your brown bin, and your bin displays a valid permit. If you are only using your brown bin for food waste, collection will be free.

The charge for a garden waste permit is currently £36 per year. You can have as many brown bins as you need but if they are being used for garden waste, each bin must display a permit. You can apply and pay for your permit online on our website and you will receive it by post. When you have received it, you should write your address on it with a permanent marker and attach it to the back of your brown bin, under the handle. Apply and pay on our website at:

<https://online.moray.gov.uk/site/wss/request/BrownBinPermit>

Make sure you don't fill your bin with materials that are too heavy. The lifters on the collection vehicles can only lift bins that weigh less than 100kg. If your bin is too heavy, it will not be emptied and some of the waste will need to be removed before the next collection day. Additional garden waste can be composted at home or taken to a recycling centre free of charge.

## Recycling centres

We want to help you recycle as much as possible and help look after our environment. There are a number of recycling centres and points in Moray. Recycling centres allow for a wide range of materials to be taken for disposal. The recycling points are smaller and can accept a limited number of materials. These are often found in car parks and are available 24 hours a day.


### **There are five main recycling centres and their opening times are:**


Monday to Saturday: 9.00am – 4.00pm (last admittance 3.50pm)

Closed for lunch: 11.50am – 12.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am – 3.00pm (last admittance 2.50pm)


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 Chanonry Recycling Centre, Elgin – There is a booking system in place at this recycling centre. You can book online on our website at:  
[www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_41056.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_41056.html):


 Gollachy Recycling Centre, Buckie


 Waterford Recycling Centre, Forres


 Balloch Road Recycling Centre, Keith


 Spey Bay Recycling Centre, Dallachy – This recycling centre is closed on a Sunday.

### **There are many items that can be taken to recycling centres:**

 All kinds of household batteries


 Building and construction waste from households only, not contractors. Materials should be separated to make sure it can be put in the appropriate recycling container.


 Earth and soil, grass cuttings, pruning and branches. Earth and soil should be free from any rubble or concrete etc. Clean rubble can be recycled separately.

 Engine oil and filters.




 Paint tins and tubs.

 Plastic and textiles. Only plastic marked 'PET 1', 'HDPE 2' or 'PP 5' can be accepted for recycling.

 Small electrical goods and white goods. This includes items such as kettles and toasters, fluorescent lamps and televisions, and kitchen appliances like washing machines, fridges and freezers.

 Wood and metal.

**Items that should not be taken to recycling centres include:**

-  Commercial vegetable cooking oil
-  Commercial waste
-  Vehicle tyres

For more information on recycling and waste, or if you have any questions, you can contact our waste team by emailing [waste@moray.gov.uk](mailto:waste@moray.gov.uk) or calling **0300 1234 565**.