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UK Government to launch 'Simpler Recycling' policy to streamline waste collection in England

What is the 'Simpler Recycling' policy?

The UK Government has introduced a new policy to simplify and streamline waste collection in England. 'Simpler Recycling' creates a universal standard for waste collection from all households, businesses and relevant non-domestic premises (like schools and hospitals) across England, ensuring that citizens can recycle the same materials in every region.



'Simpler Recycling' timeline:

- **31st March 2025** - businesses and relevant non-domestic premises in England must arrange the collection of glass, metal, plastic, paper and card, and food waste (micro-firms* are temporarily exempt).
- **31st March 2026** - local authorities will be required to collect the core recyclable waste streams from all households in England, including a weekly food waste collection.
- **31st March 2027** - kerbside plastic film collections from businesses, relevant non-domestic premises, and households will be introduced. Micro-firms must now comply with the business requirements for waste separation and collection.

*Businesses with fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees.



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What are the requirements of the UK Government 'Simpler Recycling' policy?

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Households and workplaces will be required to separate their waste into 4 separate containers:

- Residual (non-recyclable) waste
- Food waste (mixed with garden waste if appropriate)
- Paper and card*
- All other dry recyclable materials (plastic, metal, glass)

It is hoped that consistency in waste separation across the country will reduce confusion around recycling.



Actions you should be taking:

- Have a conversation with your recycling and waste collector to make sure they can collect your separated recycling
- Look at where, how and why waste is created on your premises
- Communicate the incoming changes to employees to ensure they are aware of and educated about the reform
- Invest in the recycling infrastructure, such as signage and any internal and external bins you might need

Invest in your recycling infrastructure:

Bunzl Catering Supplies continues to work closely with its hospitality customers to navigate an increasingly complex legislative landscape in food service packaging. Our range of colour-coded recycling bins are available in modular systems with intuitive billboard labels for easy sortation.

*Exceptions exist where technically or economically impractical.





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Rubbermaid Slim Jim Recycling Bins Stream Bundle:

Slim Jim containers are easily linked together with a simple connecting bridge, creating an organized recycling station. Intuitive billboard labels for easy sortation.

87 Litre Recycling Station - Black for landfill, Blue for Paper and Green for mixed recycling. **Code: P10871**

87 Litre Recycling Station - Black for landfill and Green for mixed recycling. **Code: P10872**

87 Litre Recycling Station - Black for landfill, Brown for food waste and Green for mixed recycling. **Code: P10873**



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Team with 15Kg CleanWorks
20 x 34 x 46" refuse sacks:

Black: P10846
Clear: P10854



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Procycle Recycling Bin, Lid and Back Panel 80L:

A modular recycling bin with a range of back panel designs, includes connectors to build your own multi-recycling stations. Features apertures at the front of the bin to attach waste bags, while the lid can be lifted for disposal of larger items and removed for an open bin option.

Procycle Recycling Bin 80 Litre with Printed Back Panel Brown - Food.

Code: P05485

Procycle Recycling Bin 80 Litre with Printed Back Panel Dark Blue - Paper.

Code: P05486

Procycle Recycling Bin 80 Litre with Printed Back Panel Green - Mixed.

Code: P05487

Procycle Recycling Bin 80 Litre with Printed Back Panel Red - Plastic.

Code: P05488

Procycle Recycling Bin 80 Litre with Printed Back Panel White - General.

Code: P05489



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Recycling Buddy Bin Kit 60L:

A quality, efficient and easily managed recycling system which is ideal for use in office environments. Colour coded bins can be used alone or linked as a kit – a bolt mechanism joins wheeled dollies securely together for stability and easy movement. The kit includes three recycling bins with lids, three wheeled dollies and connecting links.

Recycling Buddy Bin Kit 60L. **Code: P05490**

Team with CleanWorks
58 x 46 x 32cm refuse sacks:
Compostable (Green):
P09441



Team with CleanWorks
compostable caddy sacks:
Fits 7L: P02228
Fits 23L: P09432



Food Waste Caddy 7L. **Code: P05484**

Food Waste Caddy 23L. **Code: P05483**

Food Waste Caddies:

Food Waste Caddies that offers a practical solution to food waste recycling, keeping contents secure until collection day. The caddy features a lockable handle and a wide aperture to easily empty food into the container. It features a reinforced design with strengthened impact columns, an easy clean smooth interior, is dishwasher proof and tested to -18°C and +40°C. It is also made in the UK from 100% recycled plastic and is 100% recyclable.

For more information about our recycling bin and refuse sack ranges - **please contact us.**