

KEEP OUR BINS TIDY!

RUBBISH, RECYCLING & COLLECTION

Please follow the guidance below to help keep bin areas clean and manageable for all residents.

GENERAL RUBBISH – BLACK BAGS

All rubbish must be bagged

Bags must be securely tied

Untied or loose bags will not be collected

All rubbish must go inside the bin cupboard area and/or stored securely

Do not leave rubbish outside overnight

Do not leave rubbish on landings or pathway

RECYCLING – ORANGE BAGS

Orange recycling bags ONLY

Tie bags securely

Flatten cardboard boxes before bagging

Loose items or large boxes will be left behind

PLEASE DO NOT:

Leave loose rubbish beside bins

Overfill bins

Dump items that cannot be bagged*

If it cannot be bagged, it must be taken to a recycling centre or collected separately*.

BAGS MUST BE SECURELY TIED

Poorly tied or broken bags:

Spill food and waste

Attract rats and foxes

Leave mess after collection

Prevent the operatives from taking your rubbish

Make the bin cupboards and blocks smell.



The example shown is a broken bag caused by food waste being placed in general rubbish. Had it been collected and stored in the food waste bins, this could have been avoided.

COLLECTION DAY: TUESDAY MORNING

All waste should be disposed of correctly to ensure it is collected and to keep the estate clean.

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FLY-TIPPING IS ILLEGAL

Fly-tipping means leaving items where they do not belong.

This includes:

Leaving furniture or rubbish on pavements

Dumping items next to (but not in) bins

Moving items elsewhere and leaving them there

Removing fly-tipped items and dumping them outside the estate

There are signs across the borough telling residents that fly-tippers have recently been fined £1000. Don't be one of those people.

WHAT TO DO INSTEAD

*Remember you may leave small electrical items out for collection the night before operatives are due

Take large items to Smuggler's Way Recycling Centre

Or book a FREE collection (Two items annually, payment thereafter):

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/bulky-waste-and-diy-waste-collections/book-a-bulky-waste-collection/>

Further information

Wandsworth recycling guidance: <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/your-weekly-collections/how-to-leave-your-rubbish-and-recycling-out/>

Recycling centre (for larger items): Smuggler's Way, <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/waste-and-recycling-sites/smugglers-way-household-waste-recycling-centre/>

ONLY FOOD IN THE FOOD WASTE BINS !!

Please DO NOT put rubbish or recycling in the food waste bins.

This is important as the food waste is sent to an anaerobic digestion facility, where it's turned into renewable energy and an agricultural fertiliser (From WBC, 2026).

Allowed: Cooked and raw food, including plate scrapings, bread, fruit and veg peelings, meat, fish, bones, eggshells, dairy products, tea bags, and coffee grounds. Any mouldy or out-of-date food can also be included, provided it is removed from any packaging.

Definitely not allowed: Please do not place non-food items in the food waste bins. We have found packaging, metal coat hangers, liquid waste, bioplastic coffee pods, non-compostable packaging, and foil.

For more details about disposing of food waste, see Wandsworth Council's website. From the end of March 2026, it has been a legal requirement to offer free weekly food recycling collections to all households. Please take advantage of this service.