

# Recycling Guide for Wheatley Residents April 2015

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 Wheatley

## **1. Kerbside Recycling Wheelie Bins - Guidelines**

It is vital to get the **quality** what we put in kerbside recycling right. If in doubt a good source is the **recyclepedia** search engine on **www.southoxon.gov.uk** (type in your query and as if by magic the answer comes up!), or ring 03000 610610 or email **admin.southoxford@biffa.uk**. The SODC website also has a good A-Z of recycling with ideas of where items that can't go in the kerbside recycling bin can be taken, and there is a calendar for collection dates. In Wheatley collection is on Mondays, alternate weeks: **Garden & Recycling & Food** then the next week **Landfill & Food**.

### **Small Green Food Bins**

All food waste: raw/cooked vegetables & fruit, raw/cooked meat & fish & bones, dairy products, tea bags, oils & fats, bones, etc. NO PACKAGING. If you lose your bin then ring 0300 610610 for a new one.

### **Large Green Recycling Bins** (if you fill yours, extra can be put in a carrier bag)

**Paper & Cardboard:** corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, egg boxes, greeting cards, tissue boxes, toilet roll tubes, newspapers, magazines, envelopes inc. ones with windows, junk mail, phone directories (inc yellow pages) & catalogues, cardboard jigsaws and games, books (if not fit for re-sale via charity shops), labels from cans/jars. Shredded paper should be loose.

**Plastic** (NB Items need to be rinsed to remove food): drinks/milk/detergent plastic bottles, yogurt/dessert pots, yellow fats & ice cream tubs, pre-sliced bacon and meat joint containers (rinsed), biscuit selection box/mince pies dividers, thin **stretchable** plastic bags from food or other packaging (eg, bread bags, sandwich bags), plastic bags from newspapers and magazines, toiletries plastic bottles tubes & containers inc all plastic deodorant containers, plastic carrier bags.

**Metal:** drink cans & food tins (washed & preferably squashed), metal bottle tops and jar lids (remove from the bottle and jar first), foil including food trays, e.g. take-away dishes and foil pie tins, aerosols

**Glass:** bottles and jars of any colour

**Food & Drink Cartons:** 'Tetra-Pak' style, (they do not have to be labelled Tetra-Pak)

**Batteries:** household batteries can be left in a bag on top of the bin

### **Not Collected in Large Green Wheelie Bin, but which appear to be similar materials**

- Plastic bags that don't stretch ('wrong sort of plastic')
- Cling film (wraps around the recycling machinery)
- Pyrex, drinking glasses & polystyrene (cannot be recycled anywhere so goes in landfill),
- Old style light bulbs go in landfill (*Redbridge takes low energy ones & fluorescent tubes*)
- Other metals (*Redbridge accepts*)
- Items made from mixed paper/plastic/foil (recycling process cannot separate into the different materials) e.g. /crisp packets, 'Pringles' tubes, confectionery wrappers, 'foil' lids from e.g. yogurt, plastic coated paper cups, pill packets e.g. aspirin, cat food pouches, squeazy toothpaste tubes
- Metal or plastic coat hangers (odd shaped items prevent recycling machinery working)

There are more details on the SODC website and remember that there may be other places, like Redbridge, that can take them.

**Brown Wheelie Bins for Green Waste** . To order a wheelie bin phone 01749 341247 or **Garden-waste@capita.co.uk** (there is an annual cost). All compostable garden waste apart from soil, branches over 10 cm. Remove stones, bricks & rubble

## **2. Recycling to Charities**

### **Charity Containers in Wheatley (NB these are for specific items only)**

**Asda Car Park** -Salvation Army – clothing & shoes – in sealed bags, Tickled Pink - clothing & shoes, Air Ambulance – clothing, shoes and textiles

**King & Queen (Church Rd) Car Park** - Variety Club – shoes (paired in bags), Salvation Army - clothing & shoes – in sealed bags, Air Ambulance – clothing, shoes and textiles

**Wheatley Fire Station** - Firefighters Charity – clothes, linen, handbags and shoes

**Mill View Nursery, Ladder Hill** -British Heart Foundation – books & music

### **Charity Shops**

#### **General Guidelines**

Never leave donations outside the shop, especially when they are closed. They are often vandalised, stolen, and there have been incidents of arson.

Check your chosen charity’s policy on accepting electrical items, prams, buggies, cots, baby equipment generally, cutlery, sharp knives and furniture – the charity may take them out of politeness, but their policy may prevent re-sale, thus incurring costs of disposal.

All charities prefer good quality, saleable items: if in doubt, ask and be prepared for (and not offended by) a refusal. However, some charities will pass on non-saleable items such as books and textiles to a third party for recycling.

#### **Local Charity Shops**

	<b>Headington</b>	<b>Thame</b>	<b>Cowley</b>
<b>Oxfam</b>	Tel 742452	Tel 01844 260914	
<b>Oxfam Books</b>		01844 214645	
<b>British Heart Foundation</b>	308907		Tel 396134
<b>Cancer Research</b>	761029/768199	01844 217683	
<b>CLIC</b>	744402		
<b>Marie Curie</b>	308158		
<b>Sobell House</b>	764400	01844 212682	
<b>Age Concern</b>			771517
<b>Helen &amp; Douglas Ho.</b>	762555	01844 260446	
<b>PDSA</b>			715549
<b>Shaw Trust</b>		01844 218259	714885
<b>Sue Ryder</b>	751277		773752
<b>Four Paws Cat Rescue (Green Rd Roundabout)</b>	07985 431 066		

*Other Charities/Locations – see under Charity in Yellow Pages, or the Charity’s name*

### **3. Recycling Specific Items**

**Furniture & Electrical** Emmaus ([www.emmausoxford.org](http://www.emmausoxford.org)) The Old Community Centre Westlands Drive Northway tel 763698 will accept furniture and electrical items. Sofas etc must be fire retardant. They can collect although they need three weeks' notice. Donations can be taken to their premises in Headington – phone in advance for opening times. Emmaus reserve the right to refuse items. Helen & Douglas House in Headington (tel 762555) will accept furniture and small electrical items. Sofas etc must be fire retardant. Because space is limited **always ring first**. They can collect although they need a variable notice period. To ask for a collection: Helen & Douglas House ring 01235 530857. Cancer Research, Sobell House and Helen and Douglas House shops in Headington take small electrical items – ring to check. Wheatley Swap Shop can take small electrical items, and furniture can be advertised. ***NB Electrical items must have a 'CE' mark if offered to Swap Shop or charity shops i.e. made after 1993. Otherwise small items can be left in OCC Pink bins at various locations including the car parks at Waitrose in Headington, Tesco in Cowley and the Cattle Market in Thame***

**Spectacles** Most opticians support Vision Aid. There is either a collection box in the shop or hand to the receptionist.

**Mobile Phones & Printer/Toner Cartridges** Cartridge UK in Botley sell refilled cartridges, and laser cartridges can be donated to them. Swap Shop has envelopes to recycle printer cartridges for 'Care for the Family' (not Epson or laser) or try [www.reclaim-it.com](http://www.reclaim-it.com) who recycle for charity. Check local schools, charity web-sites, charity shops and keep any envelopes that you are sent or in newspapers. Tesco at Cowley Retail Park and Currys at Horspath Driftway have a recycling point in store for inkjet cartridges, although this is not for charity. [www.fonesforsafety.org.uk](http://www.fonesforsafety.org.uk) re-configures old mobiles so they can only dial 999 and donates them to victims of domestic violence. Redbridge also accepts these

**Energy Saving Light Bulbs** Homebase at Horspath Driftway and Tesco at Cowley Retail Park have a collection points

**Computers** [www.computeraid.org](http://www.computeraid.org) accepts old computer hardware from individuals and businesses to refurbish and send to projects in developing countries.

[www.donateapc.org.uk](http://www.donateapc.org.uk) is a site to find a home for your unwanted computer; it aims to match donors with organisations in the UK. Redbridge also accepts computers

**Plastic Carrier Bags** Asda offers carrier bag recycling within the store

**Brita Filter Cartridges** Can be taken to Robert Dyas (in Thame and Oxford) and Cargo in Thame for recycling, Tesco at Cowley Retail Park and Homebase at Horspath Driftway

**"Soda Stream" carbon dioxide cylinders** can be taken to Robert Dyas for refilling

**Shoes** As well as Charity Shops who take re-saleable shoes, Up and Running, London Road in Headington and Topsport in Buttermarket Thame have collection points for shoes in ANY condition in aid of The Variety Club.

**Broken Jewellery** - Swap Shop takes to pass on to Traidcraft.

## **4. Redbridge Waste Recycling**

**www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** has a good A-Z for what can be taken to the various sites (including non-recyclable items). The general phone number for Waste Management is 08450 504550, Redbridge phone number is 01865 721464.

As well as items that can go in the kerbside recycling, Redbridge recycle the following:

Batteries (Household & Car)	Bulbs - fluorescent tubes & energy saving light bulbs	Bicycles
CDs, DVDs (inc. Video games) (not VHS video tapes or audio cassettes)	Electrical including computers & computer monitors	Engine oil
Garden waste including soil and large branches	Other metals that can't be collected via the kerbside (eg cutlery, metal coat hangers)	Mobile phones
Textiles	Tools	

### **Other Recycling Organisations**

Orinoco **www.oxorinoco.org** Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors (off the Slade) Headington tel 761113 – takes paint, scrap material and tools – supplies community arts projects. Orinoco is also part of Community RePaint, a nationwide network of paint re-use schemes (**www.communityrepaint.org.uk**)

Freecycle **www.freecycle.org.uk** an internet network where you can give and receive unwanted items free of charge – local Oxford and Thames sections. There is also Freegle **ilovefreegle.org**, which operates in the same way as Freecycle, but currently has no local group, and **www.FreelyWheely.com**

**www.frn.org.uk** This national body for recycling organisations lists groups across the country that will pass on items such as furniture, electrical and household items to low income families

**www.recycle-more.co.uk** has a postcode search facility which enables users to find out where there are local collection points and what type of waste will be accepted.

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