

Recycling Guide for Wheatley January 2020



We are lucky in Wheatley to be within South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) who have always taken recycling very seriously and in the latest league tables was joint second among all English local authorities for recycling.

This guide is intended to help residents in Wheatley to re-use and recycle more by

- Giving greater detail on kerbside bin collections including what can go into each of our wheelie bins (and what can't)
- Taking unwanted but useable items to the Wheatley Swapshop
- Listing charity "bins" (textiles, shoes, clothing etc) in the village
- Listing nearby Charity shops and other recycling organisations
- Giving ways to dispose of other items
- Giving information about our nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre (formerly known as the "dump" or the "tip") at Redbridge

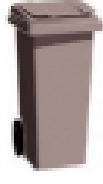
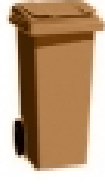
Oxfordshire County Council have launched '[Waste Wizard](#)' a new initiative to help residents beat the confusion around recycling, reduce waste and so improve recycling rates. In the new online tool, within the OCC website, residents first input their post code and then the name of the item and find out whether it can be repaired, reused, donated, recycled or if it needs to go into a specific bin or can be disposed of at a Waste Recycling Centre. If the item isn't found, a 'missing item' button is also available.

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS

The symbols found on most packaging is informative, but generally cannot be used categorically to decide what can or cannot currently be recycled in the SODC area so if in doubt it's best to consult the guidance produced by SODC. The Council produces a basic guide which is sent to all households, with a calendar of collections during the year. Some of this information is contained in the pages below. It also produces a very helpful interactive search engine on the [SODC Binzone](#) webpage - which you can help update by email or phone if you can't find your specific query.

On their website you can also find information on collection days, bulky household waste, assisted collections and missed collections.

Also see the lists on the [What Can I Recycle?](#) and [What Can't be Recycled](#) webpages. You can phone 03000 610610 or email admin.southoxford@biffa.uk if you have a query about any kerbside collection issue.



KERBSIDE WHEELIE BINS - Guidelines

Collections are usually on MONDAYS (see [SODC Collection Days](#) for exceptions) and alternate each week:

WEEK 1: Recycling (Green Bin) + Food Waste + Garden (Brown Bin) +

- **TEXTILES** (unusable clothing, sheets & rags, shoes) - in a tied carrier bag by the bin, plus
- **BATTERIES** from household appliances and toys - in a clear plastic bag on top of the bin.

*Currently, our **Green Bin** recyclables are taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in North London after many non-recyclables are filtered out at a local depot. In order for this process to be as efficient as possible it is vital for us to put only the correct items in our green bin. The most frequent contaminants found are food & nappies.*

WEEK 2: Non-recyclables (Grey Bin) + Food Waste +

- broken small **ELECTRICALS** and old **MOBILE PHONES** - in a tied carrier bag by the bin.

*Items in the **Grey Bin** are now sent to the Ardley energy recovery facility where the waste is processed to produce electricity for the National Grid, equivalent to providing energy for nearly 60,000 homes. The residual ash is used for construction aggregate.*

SMALL GREEN FOOD CADDIES - COLLECTED EVERY WEEK

All food waste, raw or cooked, including bones, teabags and fats. The bin can be lined with paper, compostable bags or plastic carrier bags which are acceptable as they can be removed during the reclamation process. Cooking oil can be put in a plastic bottle (max. 1L) and placed inside the bin. If you lose your bin then ring Biffa on 0300 610610 for a new one.

Food waste is recycled locally through an anaerobic digestion system to produce fertiliser and electricity.

BROWN WHEELIE BIN FOR GARDEN WASTE - COLLECTED ON GREEN BIN DAY

All compostable garden waste apart from soil, branches over 10 cm. Remove stones, bricks & rubble. To order a wheelie bin phone 01749 341247 or contact garden-waste@capita.co.uk There is an annual charge for this service.

Garden waste is composted at a local depot after being litter-picked by hand.

WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BIN?

Aluminium foil: clean foil including take-away dishes and foil pie tins, (NOT blackened BBQ trays, NOT foil with plastic covering - do a tear test: if it doesn't tear it isn't 100% foil e.g. pill packs, some food trays, 'foil' tea packets, crisp packets).

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

Glass: bottles and jars of any colour .

Metal: aluminium/steel drink & food cans, biscuit & sweet tins, bottle tops & jar lids, empty aerosol cans.

Paper & Cardboard: all types of paper (including window envelopes but NOT envelopes lined with bubblewrap, NOT tissues or paper towels, NOT glitter on greetings cards & wrapping paper); card and cardboard (NOT dirty pizza boxes; remove staples & packing tape if possible); cardboard jigsaws and games; books (if not fit for re-sale via charity shops). Shredded paper should be loose.

Plastic: all fruit, dairy, meat & drink bottles, tubs, trays & pots; biscuit selection box/pie dividers; plastic shopping bags, newspaper & magazine wrapping (NB SODC cannot recycle potato starch packaging despite the claim made on such packaging), shampoo & conditioner bottles, tubes & containers and all plastic deodorant containers. SODC also recycle thin stretchable plastic bags from food packaging - even though it might say "not recycled at kerbside".

If your bin is full you can put items in a clear plastic bag at the side.

NB All food containers need to be washed and squashed and tops & caps from bottles & jars should be separated.

If in doubt, put items in the Grey Bin. Also check whether some items can be recycled at the County Council Waste Recycling Centres (WRCs) - the nearest is Redbridge WRC near the Park and Ride (see the last page).



WHAT GOES IN THE GREY BIN?

NON-RECYCLABLES (including what we might think would be recyclable)

ABSORBENT PAPER e.g. tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen roll. All of these can block the machinery and also may be contaminated.

BIODEGRADABLE/COMPOSTABLE plastic look-alike (can't be distinguished from plastic in the sorting process) e.g. some types of carrier bag, cellophane florist wrap, some magazine wrappings

CONTAMINATED ITEMS e.g. with food e.g. pizza boxes, or soil e.g. plant pots & trays, human or pet waste e.g. nappies

FURNISHINGS e.g. cushions, duvets, pillows

Types of **GLASS**: e.g. Pyrex, drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors, ornaments

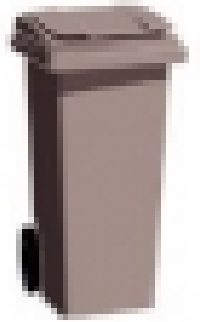
HEALTH-CARE items e.g. swabs & dressings (tied up in a bag to keep bin clean); e.g. Medicines (or return to surgery or pharmacy)

LIGHT BULBS: "old style" incandescent & halogen (these are not recyclable)

MIXED MATERIALS (recycling process cannot separate into the different materials) e.g. pet food pouches, pill "blister" packets, cat food pouches, silver 'foil' lids from e.g. yogurt pots, sweet/chocolate/crisp packets, "Pringles" tubes, lined tins, tooth brushes, squeeze toothpaste tube, takeaway cups; office filing e.g. ring binders, box files

Non-recyclable PLASTIC (such as the items below which are either too flexible and will block the machines or too hard for the machine to deal with):-

- o Black bin bags
- o Bubblewrap (including envelope lining) & Clingfilm
- o Blister packs used for e.g. DIY hardware, phone/computing accessory items, toys, pill packs
- o Credit cards, bank cards and similar gift cards (with scissors cut up all identifiable information)
- o Laminated paper
- o Multi-pack beer/drink can rings
- o 'Non-stretchy' Plastic/film that doesn't stretch e.g. windows in cake & quiche boxes, sandwich packaging, peel-back covers on meat trays, yoghurt pots etc, cheese wrap, salad bags, "industrial" plastic packaging e.g. on home delivery items
- o Office filing e.g. plastic sleeves, folders, wallets, ring binders
- o Photos & negatives
- o Plant pots and trays (even non-black that state "recyclable" likely to be contaminated with soil)
- o Plastic (small, rigid) e.g. jewellery, cutlery, plates, bowls, mugs, tooth brushes, coat hangers
- o Polystyrene & plastic foam packaging (no current method of recycling)
- o Printer cartridges (or recycle at Swap Shop or Cartridge UK, Botley)



WHEATLEY SWAP SHOPS

Of course, rather than recycle or dispose of unwanted items it's possible they may still be of use to others. That's the idea behind the Wheatley Swap Shop.

Sustainable Wheatley normally holds four Swap Shops a year (most often in January, April, July and October) in the Merry Bells. Dates are advertised in the Wheatley News. These events allow people to offer items they no longer need or want for other people to take away if they can use them. No money changes hands but donations for the hire of the hall are **very** gratefully received and refreshments are available to purchase.



A variety of household items can be brought along, including things from kitchen and bathroom, toys, games and books. Everything that people take away is weighed so that we know what has been recycled and saved from landfill or incinerator. We do not accept clothes or shoes (which should go to the charity bins in the village – see below), sharp knives and liquids including toiletries, or anything that is broken or unusable. At each Swap Shop small electrical items are tested for safety before being offered for re-use.

Anything left at the end is taken to Redbridge Recycling Centre for disposal or recycling.

DONATING TO CHARITIES

Charity Bins in Wheatley - items should be useable and clean and in a plastic bag

ASDA car park, off London Road: Tickled Pink (clothes, shoes); Thames Valley Air Ambulance (shoes, clothes, textiles); Salvation Army (Clothes, shoes)



Fire Station, Old London Road: Firefighters Charity (clothes, shoes)

King & Queen, High Street: Children's Air Ambulance (clothes, shoes, textiles)

Mill View Plant Centre, Ladder Hill: British Heart Foundation (clothes, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, CDs & DVDs)

SODC car park, Church Road: Thames Valley Air Ambulance (clothes, shoes, textiles); Salvation Army (clothes, shoes); Soex UK/Variety Children's Charity (shoes)

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 unsaleable items e.g. books and textiles to a third party for recycling.

Local Charity Shops (other charities/locations try Yellow Pages or the charity's website)

ORGANISATION	Headington (Code: 01865)	Cowley (Code: 01865)	Thame (Code: 01844)
Age UK		771517	
Air Ambulance	764076		
British Heart Foundation	308907	396134	
Cancer Research	761029/768199		261531
Four Paws Cat Rescue (Green Rd Roundabout)	340489		
Helen & Douglas Ho.	762555/766988		260446
Marie Curie	308158		
Oxfam	742452	396332 (superstore)	260914
Oxfam Books			214645
Shaw Trust		714885	218259
Sobell House	764400		212682
Sue Ryder	751277	773752	

OTHER RECYCLING ORGANISATIONS

[Orinoco Scrapstore](#), Tel: 01865 761113, Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors (off the Slade) Headington – fabrics & craft materials, wood off-cuts, garden & DIY tools and DIY left-overs (not paint any more) – supplies community arts projects.

[Freecycle Thame and Wheatley](#) an internet network where you can give & receive unwanted items free of charge – local Oxford and Thame sections. There is also [Freegle](#) and [FreelyWheely](#) which operates in the same way.

[The Reuse Network](#) is the 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.

RECYCLING SPECIFIC ITEMS

Brita Filter Cartridges Can be taken to Robert Dyas (in Thame and Oxford) or Tesco at Cowley Retail Park.

Books Charity Shops or appropriate charity bins in Wheatley or Swapshop

Broken Jewellery Bring to Swap Shop and this will be passed on to Traidcraft.

Cameras Check with charity shops if they take old SLR and cine cameras.

Computers www.donateapc.org.uk aims to match donors with organisations in the UK. Redbridge also accepts computers.

Electrical Electrical items must have a 'CE' mark i.e. made after 1993. Bring useable items to Wheatley Swap Shop. Some charity shops take small items but check with them first.

Furniture NB All seating must be fire retardant. Telephone charity shops first to check what is acceptable. Usable items can be collected by [Emmaus](http://www.emmaus.org.uk) Cowley (01865 763698), [Helen & Douglas House](http://www.helenanddouglas.co.uk) Headington(01865 762555), [Sobell House](http://www.sobell.co.uk) Bicester Superstore(01869 245235) and [Sue Ryder](http://www.sue-ryder.com) National Furniture Collection(0333 0031883) or online form.

Items can also be advertised at Swap Shops.

Collections for unusable bulky items can be arranged with [SODC](http://www.sodc.org.uk) (charges on the website).

Mobile Phones Phones can be sold via www.sellthemobile.com or often your supplier when upgrading. Otherwise, recycle at the kerbside with electricals or at Redbridge WRC.

Printer/Toner Cartridges [Cartridge UK](http://www.cartridgeuk.com) in Botley sell refilled cartridges, and laser cartridges can be donated to them. Swap Shop collects printer cartridges for recycling. Check local schools, charity web-sites, charity shops and keep any envelopes that you may receive from charities. Tesco at Cowley Retail Park has a recycling point in store for inkjet cartridges, although this is not for charity. Redbridge also accepts these.

Plastic Carrier Bags Supermarkets may replace thick, long-life bags free of charge. ASDA has a collecting bin outside on the left of the entrance for all carrier bags.

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

Spectacles Many opticians support Vision Aid. There is often a collection box in the shop or hand to the receptionist.

NON-RECYCLABLES FOR SPECIALIST DISPOSAL

- Clinical waste (eg needles, syringes): contact your health-care provider

DISPOSAL BY PRIVATE COMPANIES If you need to book someone to remove waste from your property, to help ensure you don't end up giving your rubbish to a fly-tipper, please follow the tips on SODC website '[How to stay legal](http://www.sodc.org.uk)'

COUNTY COUNCIL WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES (WRCs)- REDBRIDGE

The [waste and recycling pages](#) on the OCC website list the items which can be taken to the various sites. There is also a page with information on the [charges](#) for some items e.g. DIY and rubble. For advice on specific items phone Waste Management on 08450 504550 or Redbridge on 01865 721464. The WRCs accept both recyclable and non-recyclable items and have various bins for this purpose.

ITEMS FOR RECYCLING AT REDBRIDGE

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Batteries (Household & Car)• Bicycles• Electrical/Electronic e.g. computers, monitors, TVs, DVD players, household appliances, wiring, cables, light fittings, tools• Engine oil• Garden waste including soil and large branches• Gas bottles• Light bulbs - fluorescent tubes & LED• Metals - all types, including from furniture, cabinets, broken toys, razors, saucepans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile phones• Plasterboard• Plastic (rigid) e.g. in toys, garden furniture, storage boxes, watering cans• Rubble, hardcore (including broken crockery, ceramics & terracotta pots)• Soil• Textiles e.g. towels, sheets, duvet covers, clothing• Tools (non-electrical): at Redbridge these are sent for re-use in school & community projects• Wood & MDF
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ITEMS FOR LANDFILL OR OTHER DESIGNATED BINS AT REDBRIDGE (non-recyclable)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asbestos (need to telephone 01765 721464 to book it in)• Bedding: duvets & pillows• Belts• Car care products• Carpet & underlay• CDs, DVDs (including games)• Furniture that is not repairable or re-usable• Garden chemicals• Mattresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paint (only if hardened off - can mix with soil or sand)• Paint strippers & thinners• Poisons e.g. rat poison• Ropes• Sealants & glues• Substances that would contaminate river systems if put down drains• Thermometers containing mercury• Unknown items• Wood preservatives, varnishes and stains
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This guide is available on the [Sustainable Wheatley](#) website and was correct at the date at the top of the document. If you have more recent information about local recycling, please contact us.

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