

# Segregate Your Waste!

The following wastes should be separated and placed in the relevant appropriate waste container.



## Organic Materials Container

(Brown Bin)  
Applicable where service is provided



## Dry Recyclable Materials Container

(Blue Bin/Blue Lid)  
All containers to be clean & dry



## Residual Material Container

(Grey/Black/Green/  
Purple/Red Bin)

## FOOD/KITCHEN WASTE

### Food Scraps:

- Meat, Poultry
- Shellfish & Bones
- Egg & Dairy Products
- Plate Scrapings & Table Scraps
- Fruit & Vegetables
- Bread, Dough, Pasta & Grains
- Cereals
- Coffee Grounds, Filters & Tea Bags

### Food Soiled Paper:

- Kitchen Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Wet Cardboard & Paper
- Compostable Plates & Cups

### Garden Waste\*:

- Plants & Flowers

*\*Grass clippings may also be acceptable with some service providers check with your service provider.*

## RECYCLABLE WASTE

### Plastic:

- Plastic Drink Bottles (With Tops Removed)
- Plastic Milk/Juice Containers and caps
- Other Plastic Bottles and Containers

### Metal:

- Aluminium Cans
- Steel Cans
- Biscuit tins

*Check with your service provider as there may be additional items which they can accept.*

### Paper & Cardboard:

- Newspapers/Magazines
- Telephone Directories
- Junk Mail/Catalogues
- Printing/Writing Paper
- Envelopes
- Paper Bags Including Shopping Bags
- Cereal Boxes/Biscuit Boxes
- Cardboard Packaging
- Washing Tablet Boxes
- Frozen Food Boxes (Clean)

## RESIDUAL WASTE

This is the fraction of waste remaining once dry recyclables and organic wastes have been removed and placed in appropriate containers.

## Segregated Waste Collections

A segregated waste collection service is provided by regulated private waste collection contractors. A 3 bin waste collection service must be provided to householders in all areas with a population greater than 1,500 people.

1. Brown bin for organic waste
2. Dry recyclable bin
3. Landfill bin/general waste bin

In all other areas a minimum of a two bin collection service, Dry recyclable bin and Landfill/general waste bin must be provided. Always use a waste collector with a valid waste collection permit and keep all receipts. A list of authorised waste collectors is available from [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie)

## Why should I use my Brown bin?

- Your Waste food will not go to landfill and is reprocessed into a useful product
- You are helping the environment
- To comply with EU, Irish legislation and local bye-laws.

**Helpful hint** line your brown bin with newspaper and present your bin with the lid closed. Use your brown bin for food scraps and home compost raw organic materials.

Grass clippings - should be presented in a separate waste container if provided or brought to a local recycling centre\*, or composted at home.

For further information check out [www.brownbins.ie](http://www.brownbins.ie) and [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie)

## Glass Bottles & Jars

Glass bottles and jars should be put in a separate waste container if provided by collectors or brought to a local bring centre/bank.

Bring any construction and demolition waste to a local recycling centre\*.

## Bulky Waste - includes mattresses and beds and attic or shed clear-outs.

- Use a permitted waste collector who will come directly to your home to remove bulky waste items on an appointment basis or
- Hire a skip from a permitted waste collector or
- Bring directly to an authorised waste transfer station and/or
- Bring certain items to your local recycling centre\*.



The organic waste service is being provided on a phased basis. Please contact your waste collector for more information.

## When using a permitted waste collector

Ask to see your waste collector's waste collection permit. Note the time & date of the collection and the licence number of the vehicle. Always, always get a receipt.

Please note: It is a crime to hire an illegal (un-permitted) waste collector or skip operator and to do so could lead to prosecution. A list of authorised collectors is available from [www.nwcpo.ie](http://www.nwcpo.ie)

## Waste WEEE is anything powered by a battery or a plug.

Do not put Waste WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) or used batteries in the general waste bin. Take back Waste WEEE at point of sale when you purchase a new similar item or bring to a local recycling centre\*, free of charge.

Waste household batteries can be brought free of charge to:

- Schools who are participating in the European Recycling Platform school's battery recycling collection
- Any retailer selling batteries
- Bring to a local recycling centre\*

## Household Hazardous Waste

Try out more environmentally friendly products. Where these are not available, purchase the listed products in minimal sizes and use sparingly.

Do not dispose of any household hazardous waste in your wheelie bin, at landfill sites or down the drain. Keep all household hazardous waste in its original containers. The following household hazardous waste is accepted at your local recycling centre\*.

- Oils
- Oil based thinners
- Lacquer
- Fluorescent tubes
- Oil filters
- Paints
- Varnish
- Aerosols

### Greener guides available from:

<http://southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/Greener%20Cleaning.pdf>  
<http://southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/gardening.pdf>

\*[www.limerickrecyclingcentres.ie](http://www.limerickrecyclingcentres.ie)



**The Three Bins should be Provided by Your Waste Collector**