

# Helping You: Waste Less & Recycle More



The calendar overleaf shows collection days for your blue bin, brown bin, grey bin, glass recycling box and food caddy. Keep this handy guide so you know when to put each out.

Place containers at the kerbside for collection i.e. at your property's boundary (beside the pavement, footpath or road) or your designated collection area by 6.30am on collection day.

Please don't put clothes, shoes, electrical items, plastic bags or food waste in your blue bin: we can't recycle them.



**Blue bin**  
dry mixed  
recycling

Your materials are separated, sorted and made into new products.

- ✓ Paper & card
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Tins & cans
- ✓ Foil
- ✓ Plastic pots, tubs, punnets & trays
- ✓ Cartons
- ✓ Aerosol cans



**Brown bin**  
garden waste

Your garden waste is processed into compost.

- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Hedge trimmings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Small branches, bark & twigs
- ✓ Plants & flowers



**Grey bin**  
non recyclable  
waste

Your grey bin waste is sent to an Energy-from-Waste facility.

- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Bathroom bin waste
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Crisp packets & sweet wrappers
- ✓ Plastic bags & film
- ✓ Cat litter & dog waste



**Glass box**  
glass bottles  
and jars

Your glass is used to make a water filtration product. Box colours vary.

- ✓ Wine bottles
- ✓ Cooking sauce jars
- ✓ Jam jars
- ✓ Beer bottles
- ✓ Baby food jars



**Silver caddy**  
food waste

Your food waste is processed to create energy and agricultural fertiliser.

- ✓ Fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Tea bags & coffee grounds
- ✓ Meat, fish & bones
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Bread, cakes & pastries
- ✓ Pasta & rice
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Leftovers

# Your collection calendar 2025/26

March 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	<b>G</b>	7	8	9
10	11	12	<b>BIR</b>	14	15	16
17	18	19	<b>GBr</b>	21	22	23
24	25	26	<b>BIR</b>	28	29	30
31						

April 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	1	2	<b>GBr</b>	4	5	6
7	8	9	<b>BIR</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16	<b>GBr</b>	18	19	20
21	22	23	<b>BIR</b>	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
			<b>GBr</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	<b>BIR</b>	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>GBr</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	<b>BIR</b>	23	24	25
26	27	28	<b>GBr</b>	30	31	

June 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	<b>BIR</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	<b>GBr</b>	13	14	15
16	17	18	<b>BIR</b>	20	21	22
23	24	25	<b>GBr</b>	27	28	29
30						

July 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	1	2	<b>BIR</b>	4	5	6
7	8	9	<b>GBr</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16	<b>BIR</b>	18	19	20
21	22	23	<b>GBr</b>	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>BIR</b>			

August 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	<b>GBr</b>	8	9	10
11	12	13	<b>BIR</b>	15	16	17
18	19	20	<b>GBr</b>	22	23	24
25	26	27	<b>BIR</b>	29	30	31

September 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
1	2	3	<b>GBr</b>	5	6	7
8	9	10	<b>BIR</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	<b>GBr</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	<b>BIR</b>	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
		1	<b>GBr</b>	3	4	5
6	7	8	<b>BIR</b>	10	11	12
13	14	15	<b>GBr</b>	17	18	19
20	21	22	<b>BIR</b>	24	25	26
27	28	29	<b>GBr</b>	31		

November 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	<b>BIR</b>	7	8	9
10	11	12	<b>GBr</b>	14	15	16
17	18	19	<b>BIR</b>	21	22	23
24	25	26	<b>G</b>	28	29	30

December 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
1	2	3	<b>BIR</b>	5	6	7
8	9	10	<b>G</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	<b>BIR</b>	19	22	21
22	23	24	25	26	<b>G</b>	28
29	30	31				

January 2026						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
			1	2	<b>BIR</b>	4
5	6	7	<b>G</b>	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>BIR</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	<b>G</b>	23	24	25
26	27	28	<b>BIR</b>	30	31	

February 2026						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	<b>G</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	<b>BIR</b>	13	14	15
16	17	18	<b>G</b>	20	21	22
23	24	25	<b>BIR</b>	27	28	

## Collection Key

- G** Grey bin
- GBr** Grey & brown bins
- BIR** Blue bin & glass box

**Please present your waste or recycling for collection by 6.30am.**

Containers are emptied by different vehicles at different times on your collection day.

Check our website below to confirm Christmas collection dates.

For more information on Midlothian Council's recycling services, call: **0131 561 5284**  
email: [recycling@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@midlothian.gov.uk)  
or visit: [www.midlothian.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/recycling)

- Keep your recycling clean and dry.
- Empty and rinse food and drink packaging to remove residue.
- Dirty items can't be recycled.

Garden waste collection is an additional subscription only service we provide for £42 per brown bin emptied throughout this calendar year. Only brown bins displaying valid bin-stickers will be emptied.

To subscribe visit:  
[www.midlothian.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Your food waste is collected weekly on **THURSDAY.**

