

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
G	G	5	6	7	8	9
BIR	BIR	12	13	14	15	16
GBr	GBr	19	20	21	22	23
BIR	BIR	26	27	28	29	30
GBr						

April 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	GBr	2	3	4	5	6
BIR	BIR	9	10	11	12	13
GBr	GBr	16	17	18	19	20
BIR	BIR	23	24	25	26	27
GBr	GBr	30				

May 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
BIR	BIR	7	8	9	10	11
GBr	GBr	14	15	16	17	18
BIR	BIR	21	22	23	24	25
GBr	GBr	28	29	30	31	

June 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
						1
BIR	BIR	4	5	6	7	8
GBr	GBr	11	12	13	14	15
BIR	BIR	18	19	20	21	22
GBr	GBr	25	26	27	28	29
BIR						

July 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
	BIR	2	3	4	5	6
GBr	GBr	9	10	11	12	13
BIR	BIR	16	17	18	19	20
GBr	GBr	23	24	25	26	27
BIR	BIR	30	31			

August 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
				1	2	3
GBr	GBr	6	7	8	9	10
BIR	BIR	13	14	15	16	17
GBr	GBr	20	21	22	23	24
BIR	BIR	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
GBr	GBr	3	4	5	6	7
BIR	BIR	10	11	12	13	14
GBr	GBr	17	18	19	20	21
BIR	BIR	24	25	26	27	28
GBr	GBr					

October 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
BIR	BIR	8	9	10	11	12
GBr	GBr	15	16	17	18	19
BIR	BIR	22	23	24	25	26
GBr	GBr	29	30	31		

November 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
					1	2
BIR	BIR	5	6	7	8	9
GBr	GBr	12	13	14	15	16
BIR	BIR	19	20	21	22	23
G	G	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
BIR	BIR	3	4	5	6	7
G	G	10	11	12	13	14
BIR	BIR	17	18	19	22	21
G	G	24	25	26	27	28
BIR	BIR	31				

January 2026						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
G	G	7	8	9	10	11
BIR	BIR	14	15	16	17	18
G	G	21	22	23	24	25
BIR	BIR	28	29	30	31	

February 2026						
M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
						1
G	G	4	5	6	7	8
BIR	BIR	11	12	13	14	15
G	G	18	19	20	21	22
BIR	BIR	25	26	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
or visit: 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

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

