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# Leeds City Council is there for you

Leeds City Council's City Services Department empties all the bins from your household and also litter bins from your street!

Check this guide to learn more about their free services for East North East Homes Leeds residents.

Help us to keep your community tidy!

## Black bins

All Leeds City Council tenants get a black bin. LCC will replace it for free if it has worn down (eg weather). However, you'll have to pay for a replacement if you misuse your black bin (eg put hot ash in it). Black bins are collected on a weekly basis.

## Green bins

This is a kerbside collection (from the side of the road) every 4 weeks, usually on the same day as the black bins. You should put these things in your green bin:

### Paper and Cardboard

- ✓ Mail
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Telephone directories
- ✓ Yellow pages
- ✓ Glued and stapled magazines
- ✓ Egg boxes
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Packed drinks cartons



## Plastics

- ✓ Bottle shaped plastics
- ✓ Carrier bags
- ✓ Plastic films
- ✓ Types 1, 2 & 4 found in triangles on plastic items
- ✓ Blister packs



## Metal

- ✓ Food cans
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Steel cans
- ✓ Aluminium cans



Please make certain these are clean and dry.

Items collected in green bins are limited to the range of materials listed.

Please don't put anything else in your bin as this could lead to:

- ✘ Contamination of the entire load collected in your area. This could mean the load is rejected for recycling and sent to a landfill site.
- ✘ Injury to sorters: recycled materials are sorted by hand and sharp or hazardous materials could cause injury.

Where a bin clearly contains items not listed, the bin might not be emptied.

If you have any queries, please contact the Environmental Services helpline on 0113 222 4406.

# **Bulky rubbish**

## **The Bulky Household Waste Collection Service**

Please call 0113 222 4406 to arrange for your bulky items to be collected. You'll be given a collection date and this can take up to 2 weeks.

### **Bulky items include:**

- ✓ Up to 4 large items including cookers, fridges and freezers
- ✓ Up to 6 smaller items including televisions and microwaves
- ✓ They will also take 10 bags of garden rubbish or household waste on each collection.

### **Each household is allowed up to 13 collections a year of bulky items.**

Items are to be put outside in the garden or (for flats) in the bin area. If they're not accessible, they won't be removed.

Moortown Furniture Store or St Jude's Furniture Store accept donated furniture for re-distribution.

## **Recycling information (or 26 plastic bottles = 12 fleeces)**

Did you know that it takes only 26 plastic bottles to make a fleece? Or that more and more newspapers are made from recycled paper that you put in your green bin?

Recycling is now easier than ever. The Council provides you with a doorstep recycling facility - the green bin. More materials can be

recycled at your Household Waste Recycling Centre (more information on page 10 and 15).

## **How can you help?**

### **Reduce**

- ✓ Don't buy heavily packed goods.
- ✓ Buy 'loose' food rather than pre-packaged.
- ✓ Stop junk mail and faxes through the Mailing Preference Service ([www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)).
- ✓ Cancel delivery of unwanted newspapers and donate old magazines to waiting rooms.
- ✓ Use your own shopping bags when visiting the supermarket or use the doorstep delivery service.
- ✓ Grow your own vegetables. Many varieties can be grown in small gardens.
- ✓ Use a nappy laundry service, and save disposable ones for holidays and long journeys.
- ✓ Take a packed lunch to work or school in a reusable plastic container.

### **Reuse**

- ✓ Reuse carrier bags. Each person in the UK uses an average of 134 plastic bags each year.
- ✓ Reuse scrap paper for writing notes, etc.
- ✓ Reuse envelopes - stick labels over the address.
- ✓ Rent or borrow items you don't use very often - e.g party decorations and crockery. Some supermarkets hire out glasses for parties, saving on disposable cups.
- ✓ Donate old computer and audio visual equipment to community groups or schools.

- ✓ Buy rechargeable items instead of disposable ones e.g batteries and cameras.
- ✓ Buy things in refillable containers eg washing powders.
- ✓ Buy concentrated products which use less packaging.
- ✓ Take old clothes and books to charity shops, or have a car boot sale.
- ✓ Look for long lasting (and energy efficient) appliances when buying new electrical items - ensure these are well maintained to increase product life cycle.

## Wood Recycling

Wood collected through the City Council's network of household waste recycling centres and from domestic bulky household collections is separated from the waste stream. The wood is taken to a purpose built facility at Cross Green in Leeds where it is shredded and sorted to remove metal and other things that will contaminate it. The wood is then taken to various sites in the country to be used in making chipboard and other furniture products, such as kitchen units.

### **What can be recycled?**

- ✓ Broken furniture (not upholstered).
- ✓ Kitchen units.
- ✓ Clean / painted wood.

### **What can't be recycled?**

- ✗ Medium density fibreboard (MDF).
- ✗ Wood that has been chemically treated ie with creosote.

## Glass Recycling

In Leeds today there are over 300 bottle bank sites, almost one site for every 1,000 households. Glass recycling has many benefits. Glass

can be recycled at your local bottle bank, but remember to keep the three glass colours separate. Leeds City Council recycled 4,500 tonnes of glass in 2000 / 2001.

### **What can be recycled?**

- ✓ Sauce jars
- ✓ Jam jars
- ✓ Coffee jars
- ✓ Wine bottles
- ✓ Spirit bottles
- ✓ Vinegar bottles, beer bottles, other glass jars or bottles

### **What can't be recycled?**

- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Broken glass
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Pyrex
- ✗ Ceramics
- ✗ Anything that is not glass / bottle / jar

**You can also take your glass to any Household Waste Recycling Centre. See page 15 for information.**

## **Home Composting**

Composting allows you to do something for the part of the earth you live in day by day. It reduces the amount of rubbish you produce whilst conserving water, increasing plant growth and decreasing the need for chemical or peat based fertilisers.

Garden and food waste make up a third of the contents of most dustbins. This waste can be recycled at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre by putting it in the designated green waste container. Please don't place anything else in this container as it will ruin the composting process.

You can also compost your own garden waste at home. Don't think of your garden waste as rubbish to be put in the dustbin, think of it as a valuable natural resource that can be recycled.

### **What can be composted?**

- ✓ Lawn clippings
- ✓ Shredded stalk and hedge clippings
- ✓ Cut flowers
- ✓ Vegetable and fruit scraps
- ✓ Tea bags, leaves and coffee grounds
- ✓ Egg shells

### **What can't be composted?**

- ✗ Diseased plants
- ✗ Plastics, glass and other non - organic materials
- ✗ Cooked food including meat and fish
- ✗ Weeds
- ✗ Coloured glossy paper
- ✗ Pet droppings

**Home composting is the single most effective action you can personally take to benefit the environment.** For more details on where to buy a bin or for details about composting please telephone: 0113 222 4406.

Whether you have a dustbin with a liner bag, or a wheeled bin, remember that this waste will end up in a tip – PLEASE think about **REDUCING, REUSING** and **RECYCLING** your waste before you put it in your bin.

## **Household Waste Recycling Centres (also called household waste sorting sites)**

Leeds City Council offers a full service at Household Waste Sorting Sites across the city, open 7 days a week.

Only householders can visit the site with their waste (no trade waste from companies).

Leeds City Council manages more than 350 drop off sites across Leeds where valuable materials such as paper, cans, glass and often textiles can be deposited for recycling.

## **Litter (or the most expensive cigarette you've had!)**

Dropping litter is a crime and the Council has decided to get tough on litter louts. Enforcement Teams are operating in your area and are now issuing £75 fines. Dropping cigarette butts, chewing gum, fast food wrappers, orange peel and bus tickets can cost you a £75 on the spot fine. If you don't pay, you may face prosecution with fines up to £2,500.

Litter is an eyesore, costs millions to clear up and is the main reason why the UK's rat population is 60 million and rising fast.



Report any piles of rubbish to your local Housing Office or ring Leeds City Council's hotline to report environmental offences: 0113 222 4406.

## What is litter?

- ☹️ Cigarette butts
- ☹️ Chewing gum
- ☹️ Fast food wrappers
- ☹️ Cellophane wrappers
- ☹️ Orange peel
- ☹️ Sandwich wrappers
- ☹️ Drink cartons
- ☹️ Bank slips
- ☹️ Bus tickets
- ☹️ And more

## Butts out

### **Smokers - help us to help you tidy up your act.**

Leeds has almost **187,500** smokers, who get through around 100 million cigarettes each year.

**40% of all** street litter is discarded cigarette butts.

Every day an estimated 1,125,000 cigarette butts are dropped on our Leeds streets.

Cigarette butts **damage the environment** - they contain over 4,000 chemicals including poisons such as hydrogen cyanide and arsenic. They're also a fire hazard if not disposed of carefully.

**You can now be fined £75 for dropping your cigarette butt.**

# Graffiti

## **Leeds City Council will now remove graffiti from private or public property free.**

To remove the graffiti the Council needs the permission of the property owners. This means you can't ask them to remove your neighbour's graffiti, your neighbour would have to phone up!

The number is 0113 222 4406

Please report graffiti on your estate to your nearest Housing Office or One Stop Centre. They will try and remove hate graffiti within 24 hours and other forms within 5 - 10 days of it being reported.

## **Fly tipping**

Fly tipping is waste dumped on the highway or land without the land owners approval. Streetscene Services is responsible for collecting and disposing of all materials dumped on maintained highways and will take action to clear all offending materials and seek to recover the cost of doing the work.

It's an offence for fly tipped waste to be dumped. Enforcement Officers can visit the site and get information about the people responsible for doing this. Penalties for successful prosecution for this type of offence range from fines of up to £20,000 to imprisonment.

If you see fly tipping or attempts at fly tipping, please report them to the Environmental Services Call Centre on 0113 222 4406. They will generate a report form and an investigation will start.

## Abandoned Vehicles

Highways take away abandoned vehicles. Make a note of the make, model, colour and registration number, together with its condition and contact Highways Helpline on 0113 222 4406.

## Skip Hire

A skip owner must have a licence before they can put it on the highway. If you'd like any advice or information please contact Highways on 0113 222 4406. It's available Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Highways Services, Selectapost,  
Ring Road, Middleton, LS10 4AX

## Useful Contacts

Domestic rubbish (black bins)	0113 222 4406
Kerbside recycling collections (green bins)	0113 222 4406
Bulky household item collections	0113 222 4406
Medical waste collections	0113 222 4406
Street cleansing	0113 222 4406
Removal of fly tipping	0113 222 4406
Removal of fly posting	0113 222 4406
Graffiti removal	0113 222 4406
Gully cleansing	0113 222 4406
Litter removal	0113 222 4406
Removal of dead animals	0113 222 4406
Environmental Health	0113 222 4406
Pest Control	0113 222 4406
Highways Helpline	0113 222 4406
St Jude's Furniture Store	0113 245 0800
Moortown Furniture Store	0113 243 5455

## Household Waste Recycling Centres

Site Address	Phone Numbers	Day	Opening Times	
			Summer	Winter
Meanwood Road, LS7 2LP	0113 262 1106	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Beckett Street, Stanley Road, LS9 7LP	0113 248 6672	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Limewood Road, Seacroft, LS14 1NR	0113 214 4421	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Thorp Arch, Industrial Estate, LS23 7BJ	01937 842783	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Calverley Bridge, Rodley, LS13 1NW	0113 258 3363	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Milner's Road, Aireborough, LS19 7JE	0113 250 9785	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Grangefield, Pudsey, LS28 6LG	0113 256 2305	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Ellar Ghyll, Otley, LS21 3DM	01943 876977	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Holmewell Road, Middleton, LS10	0113 271 3020	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Gamblethorpe, Near Swillington, LS15 9AD	0113 282 5320	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm
Evanston Avenue House Hold Waste Recycling Centre and Transfer Station, Off Kirkstall Road, LS4 2HR	0113 214 3639	Mon - Sun	9am - 5pm	9am - 4pm



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