

WHICH BIN DO I USE?



If you need a translation or information, call the Waste and Recycling Team on 020 8314 9303 or email recycle@lewisham.gov.uk.

055-NY-1b

REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

A guide to what can go in the recycling bin



 **Lewisham
recycles**



Bin it right

A guide to what you can put in your recycling bin or bag

Wash and dry all items to remove any traces of food before placing them into the bin.



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS



PLASTICS POTS, TUBS, TRAYS AND BOTTLES



PAPER AND CARDBOARD (Please flatten all boxes)



CANS, CARTONS, TETRA PAK™ AEROSOLS AND FOIL



For a complete list of what can and can't be recycled and the A-Z of recycling, visit lewisham.gov.uk/recyclable



NO THANKS — THESE CAN'T GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Hard plastics



Black bin liners



Textiles



Tissues (paper towel/wipes)



Pet food pouches



Light bulbs



Polystyrene



Gas canisters



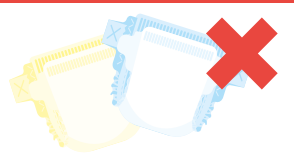
Food waste



Garden waste



Nappies



Crisp packets and sweet and biscuit wrappers



BATTERIES AND ELECTRICAL WASTE

Do not place batteries or electronic equipment in your rubbish or recycling bins as they can cause explosions and fires during collections and treatment processes. Please dispose of these items safely. For more information, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/batteryrecycling



How to dispose of unwanted items' more sustainably

LARGE ITEMS

We provide a paid collection service for larger items such as chairs, sofas, beds and carpets. We also provide a separate collection for fridges and freezers. If the items are in good condition consider donating or giving them away, see details at the bottom of this page. For further information and to book a collection, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/largeitems



MATTRESS COLLECTION

If you would like to dispose of your old mattress, you can book a collection at: lewisham.gov.uk/mattresscollection



DONATE FURNITURE AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (EVEN COMPUTERS AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS):

Find out how to donate your unwanted furniture to charitable organisations in the local area or how to recycle it, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/donateitems

Donate to a local charity:

British Heart Foundation

bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods/book-furniture-collection-near-me

Emmaus

020 8854 3426, emmaus.org.uk

Deptford Action Group for the Elderly (DAGE)

020 8691 8823, dage.org.uk

Or give away on places such as:

Freegle ilovefreegle.org/explore/region/London

Freecycle freecycle.org/browse/UK/London

Olio olioex.com

CLOTHES AND TEXTILES

Textiles such as clothes, shoes, bags and fabrics can't be placed in your recycling bin. Please take them to charity shops or deposit these items in one of the textile recycling banks found across the borough. To find out their locations, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/textiles

Get the most from your clothes:

Visit loveyourclothes.org.uk for advice on buying long-lasting clothes, upcycling, and repairing your clothes.



FOOD WASTE

Love your food – good for the planet, and for your purse

Your food is at its best when it's on your plate. It's perfect in your fridge, or stored in the freezer for another time. It's at its worst when it's in your bin. Producing food to eat requires a lot of energy and water, so by reducing food waste we can reduce our carbon footprint. Saving food means saving money. The average family of four can save just over £60 per month by reducing their food waste. For information on food storage and recipes, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/love-food-hate-waste



HOME COMPOSTING

Composting saves money, saves resources, can help to improve your soil, and can reduce your impact on the environment. Did you know composting at home for just one year can reduce global warming gases equivalent to all the CO₂ your kettle produces in a year? For further information and to order a bin, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/home-composting



GARDEN WASTE

You can get weekly garden waste collections from your kerbside property. Use for grass, leaves, plants and weeds. Twigs, small branches and fallen fruit from your garden may also be included. For further details and subscription, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/gardenwaste



Recycling small electricals and IT equipment:

Electricals are classified as hazardous waste as they can contain toxic components and should be disposed of separately from ordinary waste, for more information visit: lewisham.gov.uk/electricals

If your computer still works

You can sell it, donate it to charity, or give it away. One option is to donate it to Lewisham Device Library, run by Catbytes. There, all computers will be wiped of their data to a professional standard. Volunteers will repair computers if necessary so they can be loaned out at the library. Lewisham Device Library also accept donations of other electrical devices.

catbytes.community

lewisham.gov.uk/recycle-computer

You can dispose of broken or unwanted small electrical items at our small appliance banks at:

- Leyland Road/Eltham Road, SE12 8DU
- St Norbert Road / Turnham Road (opposite shops), SE4 2HH
- 36 Sydenham Hill, Sydenham, SE26 6SL
- Sydenham Road / Porthcawe Road



You can also take your unwanted items to the Lewisham Reuse and Recycling Centre, Landmann Way, SE14 5RS.

For a full list of that is accepted, please visit: lewisham.gov.uk/landmannway

