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There are two Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) in the city. Here you can recycle or dispose of many items that you can't put in your green box or wheelie bin. More than 75% of materials taken to CRCs are recycled. **Please sort your items before visiting to save time and avoid queues.**

The following items are accepted*:

	clothes		electrical		paint		hardcore & rubble
	shoes		fluorescent tubes		plastic bottles		soil
	textiles		fridges & freezers		garden waste		wood & timber
	furniture		large appliances		mixed glass bottles & jars		car batteries
	spectacles		mobile phones		books		used engine oil
	tapes and discs		printer cartridges		cardboard		household waste
	asbestos		small appliances		paper		
	gas bottles		telecoms & computers		food tins & drink cans		
	household & garden chemicals		tvs & monitors		metals		

*Please note that this list may change over time. Please call the Waste Management line to confirm.

Locations:

Islington Street, Freeman's Common, LE2 7SQ
Bridge Road, Highfields, LE5 3LD

Opening times:

April - September: 8am - 8pm
October - March: 8am - 6pm

Both centres are open daily throughout the year except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and will close early at 2pm on 24th and 31st December.

Holiday Collections

Easter

If your normal collection day is a Friday, your refuse and recycling will not be collected on Good Friday. We will collect as usual the following Friday and will accept side waste that's correctly presented in refuse bags next to your bin.

Christmas and New Year

During the festive period your normal refuse and recycling collections may be interrupted. Please check the website, local press or contact us for further details.

Contact Us

Leicester City Council

Call the Waste Management Line on **252 7002** with any recycling or waste collection queries and to:

- Order an extra recycling box or net
- Locate your nearest Recycling Bank Site or Community Recycling Centre
- Request help with your bins
- Check your collection day
- Order collections for bulky items
- Check if your flat has a communal recycling scheme

Visit

www.leicester.gov.uk/waste or
www.biffaleicester.co.uk for more information about Leicester's unique collection and recycling system.



Your guide to recycling in Leicester



Recycling in Leicester

Residents in Leicester City have access to a wide range of recycling facilities, including a weekly kerbside collection of plastic bottles, glass and paper, two Community Recycling Centres and over 60 Recycling Banks.

Since 2003 Leicester City Council has worked in partnership with Biffa Leicester to create state of the art recycling facilities and waste treatment methods. Our innovative solution is the 'Ball Mill' a fully mechanised waste processing and recycling facility, designed to treat all household waste.

The Ball Mill is the only one in of its kind in the UK and can divert up to 70% of household waste from landfill. The process extracts all metal, cardboard, plastic and organic material and sends these for recycling, composting or energy recovery.

Thanks to all of your help and support, last year we recycled and composted 33% of our waste in Leicester. Together we can do even more.

Read on to find out how easy it is to make recycling a part of your daily life.

How to recycle at home

Houses

If you live in a house you will have a black wheelie bin and a green recycling box. Your wheelie bin and recycling box are collected weekly on the same day and should be presented at the edge of your property by 7.00am.

Please put all of the following items in your recycling box:



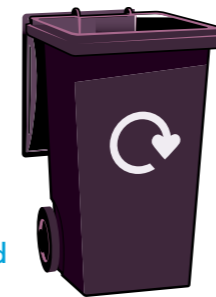
	paper	Newspapers, leaflets, magazines, paper, catalogues (no cardboard or envelopes)
	mixed glass bottles & jars	Glass bottles & jars (rinsed and not broken)
	plastic bottles	Plastic bottles (rinsed, squashed and without tops)

Everything we collect from your box is sent for recycling into new materials - nothing goes to landfill.

Please do not put any other items in your recycling box.

All other household waste goes into your wheelie bin. Up to 70% of this can be diverted from landfill.

- All metals are automatically removed at our plant and sent for recycling.
- Cardboard, envelopes, plastic containers and food wrappers are turned into an alternative fuel source.
- Food waste is broken down to produce soil improver. The methane gas released during the process is turned into electricity.



Please ensure that metal tins and cans are put into your wheelie bin, and not in your recycling box. Remember, all metals are extracted from your bin and recycled.

Flats

If you live in a flat you may be able to recycle the same items in the communal bins.








Unfortunately recycling facilities are not currently available for all flats, but we are looking at ways to provide these facilities in the near future. In the mean time, please call the Waste Management Line to locate your nearest Recycling Bank or Community Recycling Centre.

Can anything else be recycled?

Yes it can! Many items you would normally throw away can actually be recycled at your nearest Recycling Bank or Community Recycling Centre.

Recycling Banks

At Recycling Banks across Leicester you can recycle the following items:

	clothes		books		food tins & drink cans
	shoes		cardboard		foil
	textiles		paper		mixed glass bottles & jars

To locate your nearest Recycling Bank, please call the Waste Management Line.