



A Quick Guide to your waste and recycling during the Coronavirus crisis.

Keep your bin crew safe

Taking these steps will help stop the spread of the virus to your waste collectors, your neighbours and to others.

- Place bins out for collection no later than 6am every morning or alternatively the night before.
- Please do not leave side waste or extra rubbish bags next to your bins, these will not be collected.
- Follow the government issued guidance here: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/protect-and-respect-all-key-workers>
- Do not put items such as used tissues, gloves or disposable cleaning cloths into your recycling bins. This is very important, these should be placed into a second bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste.
- Keep these bags aside for at least 72 hours before putting into your usual external general household waste bin. Also make sure to keep this waste away from children and pets.
- Wash your hands when handling bins and ensure bin handles are cleaned or wiped down before and after use.
- Do not approach staff without following the minimum two-metre social distancing guidance.

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<p>Tips to Minimise your waste</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try composting at home • Avoid producing excess amounts of waste by doing house or garage clearances, tidying up your garden, DIY etc. • To make space in your blue bin please stack similar containers together, flatten cardboard boxes and squash bottles/cans. • Take the time to mend and repair your broken items. • Re-use items where possible. • Avoid excess packaging and single use items.
<p>Don't fly tip outside Household Recycling Centres or elsewhere.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Household Recycling Centres are now closed. We remind all residents that fly-tipping is illegal. CCTV remains in operation. • Council will prosecute anyone found to be fly-tipping • Store your waste until HRC sites and bulky collection services return to normal. • Please do not take clothes and other items to charity shops. These are now closed. Donations should not be left on their doorsteps.

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Vulnerable households

- Council is aware that there are some households with special medical circumstances that may need a second bin at this time.
- We cannot collect additional bins unless an application has been made and approved under special circumstances. Please contact us to apply for extra waste collection.

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