

Waste Recycling - How Waste Can Be Disposed Of Locally

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	Green bin	Black bin	Brown bin	Recycle Centre	Charity shop	Supermarket	Electrical shop	Comments - also see Notes below
Paper	✓			✓				Clean. Not plastic coated e.g. Christmas wrapping paper
Cardboard	✓			✓				Clean and dry
Glass jars/bottles	✓			✓				Clean, dry. Lids on
Food/drink cans	✓							Clean and dry
Plastic bottles	✓							Milk, drinks, detergent, shampoo. Clean, dry. Lids on
Plastic food trays	✓							Not black trays - put in black bin
Plastic food bags and film						✓		Clean. Most large supermarkets take this.
Carrier bags, cling film, bubble wrap	✓							Clean. Most large supermarkets take this.
Food waste		Note 1						Compost vegetable waste in garden if possible. See Note 1.
Soiled/damaged fabrics		✓						Nappies, old clothes
Mobile phones				✓				Can be mailed to some charities eg RSPB. Web search
Batteries - small				✓			✓	Torch, radio, watch etc. AA, AAA, button batteries
Batteries - large				✓				Car, power tools etc
Fluorescent light tubes/LED				✓				
Electical waste				✓			✓	Servicable items may be delivered to British Heart Foundation
Fridges and freezers				✓				Stores delivering these items will remove old ones for a charge
TVs and computers				✓			✓	
Scrap metal				✓				
Wood				✓				Not treated with creosote
Printer cartridges				✓				Can be mailed to some charities eg RSPB. Web search
Servicable clothes and shoes					✓			
Garden green waste			✓	✓				Why not compost your own? Not plastic pots, bags, etc.
Garden plastic waste - pots etc.		✓				✓		B&Q in Garden Section.
Waste oil				✓				Engine and cooking. Do not mix!
Books/records/CDS/games					✓			Books can go in green bin
Servicable China/glassware					✓			
Servicable Furniture					✓			Larger furniture: SOFA in Loughborough
Beds/Mattresses				✓				Stores delivering these items will remove old ones for a charge
Rubble/soil				✓				Limits apply for free disposal
Paint								Only Whetstone (with permit) or Gypsum Close (City)
Asbestos				✓				Special conditions and charges apply - check website
Plasterboard				✓				Special conditions and charges apply - check website
Cosmetics								Boots Pharmacy
Toothpaste/brushes								Boots Pharmacy
Empty blisterpacks								Boots Pharmacy. Superdrug
Clinical waste								Contact Charnwood Borough Council

Notes and Links to Other Sources

Note 1. Local Authorities are meant to be taking food waste from April 1st 2026. Charnwood is not ready yet – expect later in the year. This is part of new waste collection rules that are being implemented. See Recycling Booklet for current rules. [Link to Recycling Book](#)

Note 2. RNLI take small jars nationally - they're known as Betty's 5p pots!

Note 3. Charnwood Council collect bulky items for a charge. This includes furniture, carpets etc.

[Link to Book Bulky Waste collections in Charnwood Borough Council](#)

Note 4. There are online stores that receive or buy and sell recycled clothes, tech. etc. Examples are:

[Link to Good Deals and Black Market](#)

[Link to Vinted - who sell and buy clothes, shoes and accessories](#)

[Link to Freecycle](#)

[Link to TerraCycle Free Recycling Programmes](#)

Note 5. Other items may be in the Leicestershire County Council information

[Link to Leicestershire How do I Dispose Of Information](#)

GENERAL NOTE - If you employ a contractor to collect waste in a van or skip ensure that they are a licenced waste carrier and that the waste is disposed of legally. New rules came into effect in April 2025.