

# Recycle more Waste less

**Everything you need  
to know about your  
new waste and  
recycling service**



# We're providing you with a new recycling service

This new service will allow you to easily recycle a range of items from your home.

The majority of households will receive two new wheeled bins and a re-usable bag to help you recycle.

For some properties communal blue-lidded and grey-lidded bins will be provided as an alternative to individual wheeled bins.

When the new service starts we will collect your non-recyclable waste every 2 weeks. We are not providing new bins for this waste - please present it as you usually do, e.g. black bags, bruck box etc.

## Why the change?

- A change in legislation means we are no longer allowed to send certain items that can be recycled to the Energy Recovery Plant for incineration.
- It's also better for the environment to recycle - even when we take into account the shipping of these items to mainland UK for reprocessing.
- In addition, this new service will allow Shetland to help Scotland meet its ambitious target of recycling 70% of all waste by 2025.
- By sorting and baling the recycling we collect, we can sell it and generate revenue.

## Contact us

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# Your new waste and recycling service

## Blue-lidded bin

Paper, card and cardboard



Collected every **4** weeks

## Grey-lidded bin

Plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans, empty aerosols and drinks cartons



Collected every **4** weeks

## Re-usable purple bag

Glass bottles and jars



Take to a recycling point

## Non-recyclable waste

Items that cannot be recycled

This will now be collected every **2** weeks.

Please present your non-recyclable waste for collection as you usually do.

Collected every 4 weeks

# Blue-lidded bin

This bin is only for paper, card and cardboard

## Yes

### Paper

- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Catalogues and directories
- ✓ Letters and junk mail
- ✓ Envelopes (including windows)
- ✓ Office paper

### Card and cardboard

- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Cardboard packaging
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard boxes
- ✓ Greetings cards
- ✓ Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Egg boxes

## No

- ✗ Tissues or napkins
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Books - donate for re-use
- ✗ Kitchen towels
- ✗ Wet paper or cardboard
- ✗ Wallpaper
- ✗ Paper or cardboard contaminated with food - for example, takeaway pizza boxes
- ✗ Disposable cardboard cups

Please remove packing tape from cardboard boxes, plastic film windows from shop bought pizza boxes and plastic covers from magazines before recycling them - you do not need to remove the staples.



1 Flatten your card and cardboard - this helps to save space in your bin.



3 Ensure your blue-lidded bin is at its collection point by 7.30am on your collection day - remember to secure it if necessary. Please return your bin to your property as soon as possible after collection.

Please don't put recycling in plastic bags



2 Place your paper, card and cardboard loose into the blue-lidded bin - no plastic bags please.



4 Paper, card and cardboard can be recycled into new newspapers and packaging.

Collected every 4 weeks

# Grey-lidded bin

This bin is only for plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans, empty aerosols and drinks cartons

## Plastic bottles



**Do not put any other types of plastic in this bin.**

## Drinks cartons



Although some packaging displays a symbol that says it can be widely recycled, you should only recycle plastic bottles, drinks cartons, food tins, drinks cans and empty aerosols in this bin.

## Food tins, drinks cans and empty aerosols



## No

- ✗ Plastic tubs, pots and trays
  - ✗ Bubble wrap and cling film
  - ✗ Polystyrene
  - ✗ Plastic bags, wrappers and liners
  - ✗ Plastic netting
  - ✗ Plastic disposable cups and straws
  - ✗ Hard plastics, e.g. toys
- For the full list of items not accepted please visit [www.shetland.gov.uk](http://www.shetland.gov.uk)



- 1 Rinse your plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans and drinks cartons - we can only recycle items that are clean.



- 2 Squash your plastic bottles and drinks cartons - this helps to save space in your bin. You can also recycle the lids and tops - after you have removed them.

**Please don't put recycling in plastic bags**



- 3 Place your plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans, empty aerosols and drinks cartons loose into the grey-lidded bin - no plastic bags please.



- 4 Ensure your grey-lidded bin is at its collection point by 7.30am on your collection day - remember to secure it if necessary. Please return your bin to your property as soon as possible after collection.

## Take to a recycling point

# Re-usable purple bag

All colours of glass bottles and jars

## Yes

- ✓ Food and drink bottles and jars
- ✓ Condiment bottles and jars
- ✓ Toiletry and perfume bottles
- ✓ Metal tops and corks

Please empty and rinse your glass bottles and jars before you recycle them - there is no need to remove labels, tops or corks.

## No

- ✗ Crockery, ceramics or Pyrex
- ✗ Windows or mirrors
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Light bulbs

These do not melt at the same temperature as bottles and jars and can ruin the recycling process.

You can find out where your nearest glass recycling points are by visiting the 'Where Can I Recycle' page on our website: [www.shetland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/where-can-i-recycle.asp](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/where-can-i-recycle.asp)



1 Rinse your glass bottles and jars - we can only recycle items that are clean.



2 Place them in your re-usable purple bag.



3 Recycle your glass bottles and jars at a recycling point.



4 Glass bottles can be recycled again and again into new glass products.

## Securing your bins

We will be providing a set of bungee cords when we deliver your new recycling bins. These bungees can be used to help tether bins securely at your home and/or at your usual collection point.

If you don't wish to use bungee cords, there are a range of other ways to help keep your bins secure - please visit our website to find out more information including short videos showing how to use them. If you choose not to use the bungee cords you can return them to the Gremista Household Waste Recycling Centre.

We need to wheel your bin to the essay kerr for emptying, so please don't make it too difficult for us to un-tether it. If you use rope, string or twine to secure your bin, or permanently attach your bin to anything, we will be unable to collect it.

If you have used a suitable securing method, once your bin has been emptied we will re-secure it as we found it.

### Bungee Cords



### Handle Clamp



### Lid Strap



## Recycling more

You can recycle a wide range of items at Gremista Household Waste Recycling Centre in Lerwick. Opening times are:

### March to September

Mon-Fri: 8am to 7pm (last entry at 6.45pm)

Sat-Sun: 10am to 4pm (last entry at 3.45pm)

### October to February

Mon-Fri: 8am to 6pm (last entry at 5.45pm)

Sat-Sun: 10am to 4pm (last entry at 3.45pm)

## Too good to waste?

If you have household items that you no longer need which are still in good condition, you can donate these to Shetland Home Co who will re-use or recycle them.



[www.cope.ltd.uk](http://www.cope.ltd.uk)

Large items can be collected free of charge on Shetland mainland including large furniture such as tables, chairs, sofas, bedroom furniture, large electrical equipment etc. For more information please call 01595 696889 then press 2.

Small household items and electrical equipment in good condition or requiring minor repairs can be dropped off at Shetland Home Co, Port Business Park, Gremista, Lerwick. All items are thoroughly checked, cleaned and PAT tested before being sold.

Sofas, armchairs, mattresses and other items with material coverings can only be accepted if they still have their fire safety tags attached.

## Bulky household items

If you have bulky household items that are not suitable for re-use, and you are unable to take them to a recycling centre, you can request an uplift by calling 01595 744891. Please note there is a charge for this service.

# What happens to my recycling?

## Paper, card and cardboard



Collected from your home...



...baled and sent to mainland UK for...



...recycling into newspapers and packaging.

## Plastic bottles, metals and cartons



Collected from your home...



...sorted, baled and sent to mainland UK for...



...recycling into new products.

## Glass bottles and jars



Collected from recycling points...



...reprocessed in Shetland for recycling into...



...aggregate, paving and other innovative products.