



The Green Centre

A guide to Recycling in Brighton & Hove: March 2026

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SIMPLER RECYCLING 2026

Simpler Recycling, introduced by the UK Government under the Environment Act 2021, ensures all local authorities collect the **same set of core recyclable materials**. The government published the Simpler Recycling policy update (white paper) in **November 2024**. Full collection must be in place by **31 March 2026**, making recycling more consistent and easier for households and businesses in England.

Brighton & Hove City Council Recycling (Kerbside & communal mixed recycling bins)

- PAPER & CARBOARD** Clean and dry. Break down large boxes into small pieces and place in the recycling bin. Wet cardboard clogs up the sorting machinery. No shredded paper.
- METAL** including **FOOD TINS & DRINK CANS** (empty & clean), **AEROSOLS** (empty, remove the lid)
- PLASTIC** including **BOTTLES** (lid on), **POTS, TUBS, TRAYS** including yoghurt pots, fruit and veg punnets, meat trays, margarine & ice cream tubs, toothpaste, and cosmetic tubes. **Remove plastic film.**

Brighton & Hove City Council Recycling (Separate bins)

- GLASS** including **BOTTLES & JARS** only (metal lids on) **No other glass whatsoever.**
- FOOD WASTE: COOKED & UNCOOKED** including plate scrapings, bread, pasta, rice, vegetables & fruit, meat & bones, eggshells, dairy, tea bags & coffee grounds, fish, etc. **No other waste.**
- TETRA PAKS** take to Tetra Pak recycling points across the city. See council website for locations.
- SMALL ELECTRIC ITEMS** this includes anything with a plug or a battery. Take to recycling points across the city. See council website for locations.

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BHCC = Brighton & Hove City Council

KS = Council kerbside collection / community recycling bin

HWRC = Household Waste & Recycling, Wilson Avenue or Old Shoreham Rd

HoH = Green Centre at Harriets of Hove, George Street, Hove

FS = The Free Shop, Planet Brighton, Open Market. Thurs to Sat. 10am to 4pm

RD = Robert Dyas

SD = Superdrug

BTS = Boots

A	Aluminium Foil – tea lights – must remove tiny disc as it's not aluminium [Green Centre at Harriets of Hove, The Free Shop at Brighton Open Market]
B	Bags: handbags, rucksacks, etc [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Batteries [All supermarkets], Bedding: sheets, quilt covers, blankets, etc. [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Belts [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Biscuit Wrappers aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], Blister Packs [Superdrug, Western Rd, Boots], Books [Charity shops, HWRC], Bread bags aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], British Currency – old notes & coins [Green Centre at Harriets of Hove, Green Centre at The Free Shop], Bulky Waste [BHCC – 01273 290798]
C	Cardboard [KS], Carrier Bags aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], CDs [Charity shops & HWRC], Cheese packaging aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], Clothes [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Coffee Packaging aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], Coffee Pods [Podback.org], Contact Lenses [Specky Wren, Brighton Open Market, Specsavers], Cooking Oil [HWRC], Corks [FS], Crisp packets aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], Cushions [Currently no scheme exists]
D	Drinks cans [KS], DVDs [Charity shops & HWRC], Duvets [Currently no scheme exists. Limited amounts to animal charities. Contact directly.]

E	Electric items including electric toys & games. This includes anything with a plug, a lead or which takes batteries - small items to dedicated BHCC bins throughout the city. See council website for locations. Take larger items to the HWRC. Some stores accept electric items for recycling [B&Q and some charity shops]. Tech Takeback accept laptops & desktop computers, arrange collection via their website.
F/G	Ferrero Rocher [Terracycle. Free scheme. Open account. Fill box. Download free postage label], Flexible Plastic [Supermarkets], Food cans [KS], Food Waste [BHCC], Foreign Currency: any coin, any note, any age, any country [GC at Harriets of Hove, GC at Free Shop] Fruit & Veg Nets aka flexible plastic: remove paper labels & metal clips / staples [Supermarket], Fruit & Veg plastic bags aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets], Garden Waste [HWRC], Gas Bottles & Cylinders [Return to where you bought them from or HWRC – Hove only], Glass bottles & jars – with metal lids [KS – separate bins]
H	Hardcore [HWRC], Household Textiles: towels, tablecloths, tea towels, etc [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins]
I	Ink Cartridges [Harriet's of Hove, Rymans, Tesco, HWRC]
J	Jewellery & Watches - including broken [QB Unity at Brighton Open Market]
K	Kinder products [Terracycle. Free scheme. Open account. Fill a box. Download free postage label]
L	Light Bulbs [Robert Dyas, B&Q, you can take a wider range of light fittings including fluorescent tubes to HWRC]
M/N	Make Up: packaging including plastic pots, tubes, etc [Boots], Marigold Gloves: brand specific [Terracycle. Free scheme. Fill a box. Download free postage label], Mobile Phones [QB Unity @ Brighton Open Market to be donated to Gambia, or see Electric items]
OP	Paper – no shiny /shredded paper [KS], Pens / Felts / Markers [This scheme closed in 2025. Currently no free scheme. Include in general waste], Perfume Bottles [Perfume Shop, Churchill Square], Plastic bottles – lids on [KS], Postage Stamps [post to RNIB Charity], Printer Cartridges [see ink cartridges], Personal & Beauty Care – plastic pots, tubs and tubes [Boots], Pillows [Currently no scheme exists], Plastic – hard [HWRC], Pringles Tubes [include in Tetra Pak / carton bins], Produce Bags aka flexible plastic [Supermarkets]
Q	Quilts [Currently no scheme exists. Limited amounts to animal charities. Contact directly]
R	Razors – Disposable [This scheme closed in 2025. Currently no scheme. Include in general waste], Rubber bands: not broken ones [Jason's Eggs, Brighton Open Market]
S	Scrap Metal: small pieces [Free Shop & HWRC], Scrap Metal: large [HWRC] Shoes [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Spectacles [Specky Wren, Brighton Open Market, Specsavers]
T	Takeaway Coffee Cups – excluding biodegradable / compostable [Costa Coffee], Tennis Balls – [Nick Rivett Sport, Church Rd], Tetra Paks [Dedicated BHCC bins throughout the city. See council website for locations], Textiles [Charity shops, HWRC & BHCC Textiles Bins], Tippex Bottles, Tapes & Pens [This scheme closed in 2025. Currently no free scheme. Include in general waste], Toothbrushes & Toothbrush heads [Boots], Toothpaste tubes [KS, Boots]
UV	Vegware packaging – includes all Vegware packaging. No other brand. [GC at Harriet's of Hove]
WXYZ	Water Filters – [Robert Dyas, Tesco, Waitrose], Wood [HWRC & The Wood Store – Edward St - 01273 570500]

NB: Recycling schemes open and close all the time. This A to Z was accurate at the time of publishing - March 2026.

- **A to Z** (more detailed)

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