



Recycling bank removal - frequently asked questions

Why are you removing the recycling banks?

Recycling banks were originally installed to provide a way for residents to recycle when household recycling collections didn't exist, or were first being set up. With a comprehensive kerbside recycling collection now provided for all households across West Oxfordshire, there is no longer a need for recycling banks.

There have been ongoing issues with all sites including overflowing bins, damage/vandalism to bins, contamination of bins with non-recyclable items, bins being used by local businesses, frequent fly-tipping of waste around the bins (including hazardous waste) and issues with vermin in some instances.

As a result of this 6 Town Councils have already contacted the District Council and had all facilities have been removed

West Oxfordshire District Council has considered the issues and the improved kerbside recycling collection, and taken the decision to permanently remove all recycling banks.

How was the decision made to remove the recycling banks?

The decision was presented by West Oxfordshire District Council officers and supported by Council Members in December 2020.

Can the decision to remove the recycling banks be reversed or appealed?

No, this decision cannot be reversed or appealed.

Isn't it better to have as many options for recycling as possible?

West Oxfordshire District Council provides a comprehensive kerbside recycling service to all households in the District. Around 62% of household waste is recycled showing that the majority of residents use it.

Residents are able to recycle everything they could at the recycling sites in their bins and boxes at home. Residents can request additional recycling boxes and also apply for a larger recycling bin if they have a family of 5 or more (future charges may apply).

What do I do with extra recycling?

You can present extra recycling in clear sacks at the kerbside. Please note glass bottles and jars should be put into recycling boxes for safety reasons.

If you have large amounts of cardboard this should be broken down to A3 size (the size of two pieces of printer paper) and left next to your recycling bin on collection days.

You can also take any extra recycling to your nearest Household Waste and Recycling Centre, located below:

- Dix Pit household waste recycling centre, Linch Hill, Stanton Harcourt, OX29 5UX
- Alkerton household waste recycling centre Stratford Road, Alkerton, Near Banbury, OX15 6HZ

When are the recycling sites being removed?

W/C June 28th 2021

- Stonesfield Field Close
- Tackley Village Hall
- Woodstock Hensington Road car park

W/C July 12th 2021

- Charlbury Spendlove Centre car park
- Chipping Norton Albion Street car park
- Chipping Norton New Street car park
- Witney Hailey Road
- Witney Moorland Road

What about recycling left at the site after the banks are removed?

Any waste left at the sites after the banks have been removed will be classed as [fly-tipping](#), which is illegal. Offenders may be prosecuted, receive an unlimited fine and/or imprisonment. West Oxfordshire District Council will be monitoring the sites for any waste deposited on site after the bins have gone and will check for evidence of the owner. The sites will be checked regularly and any dumped recycling will be removed and, if possible, recycled.

What about charity recycling banks on these sites?

All charities will be asked to remove their recycling banks from the West Oxfordshire District Council managed sites. The charity banks are generally provided for clothing and shoes. Residents can still support these charities by taking their unwanted clothes and shoes to local charity shops instead. Where charity shops are temporarily closed due to COVID-19 then residents are asked to store their donations at home until they reopen. Alternatively, textiles can be taken to [Dix Pit Household Waste and Recycling Centre](#).

How do I use my kerbside recycling collection?

You can recycle lots of items at home including textiles and electricals. Please visit our recycling webpages to find out how to use your blue lidded bin and recycling boxes and how to order containers (charges apply).

When is my collection day?

Please check the [website lookup](#)

How do I recycle large cardboard boxes?

There is no limit on the amount of recycling you can present for collection as long as it is contained and presented properly. We can collect large cardboard boxes as long as they are flattened or cut into pieces no larger than A3 size (the size of two pieces of printer paper).

Please remove plastic inserts, polystyrene and packing tape and put them in your grey refuse bin as these cannot be recycled. There is no need to remove staples.

Alternatively, cardboard can be taken to [Dix Pit Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) for recycling or [Alkerton Household Waste Recycling Centre](#)

How do I find my nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre?

Full details and locations of Household Waste Recycling Centres are provided on [Oxfordshire County Council's](#) website.

What do I do with rubbish and recycling from my business?

Businesses are not permitted to use West Oxfordshire District Council's waste collection services to get rid of their rubbish or recycling. Waste created from premises used mainly for business purposes or through other business activities is classed as **commercial waste**. Businesses have a legal responsibility under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to safely contain and legally dispose of their waste. If you don't, you can be taken to court as you are committing offences. Please note that your business rates do not include the cost of your business waste disposal.

West Oxfordshire District Council does operate a commercial waste and recycling service through its partner Ubico. More details can be found on our [waste and recycling service pages](#).