

Lancaster City Council is dedicated to reducing and recycling waste to help minimise your costs, make your business more sustainable and benefit the environment. We offer a comprehensive, reliable recycling and commercial waste collection service within the Lancaster district.

Trade waste and recycling are subject to specific disposal requirements for which a charge applies.

The following recyclable waste streams can be collected in either bins or bags or labelled eg cardboard.

## Mixed Recyclables



Mixed recyclables includes cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic film and bags, bubble wrap, waste paper, newspaper, magazines, books with covers removed, tins and cans. Collection is available in most locations. All cardboard must be free of contaminants, and plastic bottles, tins and cans should be rinsed and emptied.

A full range of Eurobin containers is available from 360 litres to 1280 litres. Items should not be bagged when placed in the bin, except for shredded paper.

For smaller businesses and those with less space, recycling labels can be used for cardboard and clear recycling sacks for mixed recyclables. It is important that the sacks are always securely tied and no heavier than 9kg.

Please note that we are unable to accept polystyrene and paper towels in the mixed recycling.

## Cardboard



If using labels for cardboard only, they should be attached to a cardboard box with flat packed cardboard inside. This should be no heavier than 9kg and a manageable size for one person to carry. Cages that are used for cardboard (owned by the business, not provided by the council) should be flat packed.

If you periodically have large volumes of cardboard to dispose of, we can provide a cost effective service to remove large quantities of loose cardboard. If you are currently using a skip to dispose of your cardboard you may want to compare the cost.

## Glass bottles and jars



Glass bottles and jars can be collected from Eurobin containers only, we cannot collect glass in sacks. Please ensure they are emptied and rinsed and that any lids or straws are removed. Collection is available in most locations.



## food waste

From 1st April 2025, new commercial food waste legislation in the UK will be in place. This means that from this date, businesses with 10 or more full-time employees will have to separate food waste from other waste streams.

Unfortunately, Lancaster City Council is unable to provide a food waste collection service. However, we will be reviewing this in the next 12 months as a possible extension to our domestic food waste collection scheme which we are required to introduce by 1st April 2026.

In the meantime, we are advising businesses to store all the food waste they generate in separate bins and arrange its collection by licensed waste carriers

For more information on the legislation, visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/simpler-recycling-workplace-recycling-in-england](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/simpler-recycling-workplace-recycling-in-england)

## Contact us

For further information on our trade waste and recycling collection service and a quote, please telephone 01524 582415 or 582416, or email [tradewaste@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:tradewaste@lancaster.gov.uk)

