

GET READY FOR
**SIMPLER
RECYCLING**

What is Simpler Recycling?

Simpler Recycling is a UK-wide legal framework developed to make the recycling process more straightforward. The main intention of the framework is to create consistency in the waste and recycling materials collected from households and businesses.

The legislation outlines a core set of materials which must be collected. This is to remove current national recycling scheme inconsistencies and help the UK hit our recycling rate target of 65% by 2035. Recycling these items are not only beneficial to the environment but more cost effective than simply disposing of them, meaning this is a win-win for businesses.

This guide outlines exactly what you need to know to navigate these changes and stay compliant.

Any questions? Contact us today helpdesk@recorra.co.uk



When do these requirements come into force?



*(for businesses with more than 10 full-time staff)

What are the changes, and what do they mean for Recorra customers?

Food

All businesses must recycle food waste.



Mandatory Recycling

All businesses must recycle paper, card, rigid plastics, metals (cans), and now cartons. These can all be collected together as a part of a 'mixed recycling' stream', although Recorra recommends source separation. This provides the best environmental outcome, allowing materials to be recycled as many times as possible.



Glass

All Recorra customers must have a separate glass collection (if you produce glass).





Food Waste

From March 2025, food waste collections will be mandatory for businesses with over 10 full time employees. We provide food waste recycling to suit the needs of any business and have a range of collection methods for any business.

For every food waste collection we complete, Recorra donates the equivalent of one meal to our charity partner Plan Zheroes, who helps businesses donate surplus food to communities in need.

How do we collect?



Prepaid Sack



120L Wheeled Bin








200L Wheeled Bin

Businesses with less than 10 employees will have to recycle food waste by 2027.

Types of bin collections

- Tip: Bins are emptied on site using our rear end tipping vehicles.
- Exchange: Bins are collected full and exchanged with clean, empty bins. Bins are emptied and washed at our facility after each collection.
- Hybrid: Bins are emptied on site and exchanged once per fortnight

Accepted Items

-  Dairy
-  Fruit & Vegetables
-  Meat, Fish & Bones
-  Teabags
-  Bread & Pastries

What if I don't produce a lot of food waste?

We can provide small volume collections from within your premises. Purchase these from our Office Supplies website or via our Helpdesk.



7L Worktop Caddy



30L Pedal Bin



40L Caddie



Mixed Recycling

Most businesses will already have Mixed Recycling collections in place, but for those that don't, we have a range of collection methods to suit your business needs.

Mixed Recycling includes recyclable materials such as paper, metals (cans), rigid plastic, and now cartons.

Your recyclables should be clean and dry to avoid contamination.

How do we collect?



Prepaid Sack



660L Wheeled Bin









240L Wheeled Bin



1100L Wheeled Bin

Accepted Items

-  Plastic Bottles
-  Metal Cans
-  Paper
-  Plastic Pots, Tubs & Trays
-  Cartons i.e. Tetra Pak
-  Cardboard

Want to collect your recyclables separately?

For the best environmental outcome, we recommend source segregation. We offer separate services for, the below streams, all collected using sacks or bins:



Cans & Plastic Containers



Paper



Cartons



Cardboard



Glass

We collect and recycle glass, whatever the colour. We collect glass as a separate waste stream, so customers will need to set this up (if they produce glass) to remain compliant with government legislation.

How do we collect?



Prepaid Sack



240L Wheeled Bin





Glass Crate



660L Wheeled Bin

Yes please



-  Glass Bottles (Any colour)
-  Glass Jars (Any colour)

Do I have to have glass collections?

If you regularly produce glass, you must have glass collections set up.

What if I only produce small volumes of glass?

Here, a glass crate is ideal. Set it up in your workplace and organise a collection once full.





Flexible Plastics

From March 2027, businesses will be required to recycle flexible plastics. These plastics are soft plastics that can bend without breaking, commonly used in packaging and consumer goods.

It is not yet clear whether flexible plastics will be collected separately or mixed together; once the government gives us clarity on this, we will inform our customers.

Circular Box

The Circular Box captures hard-to-recycle items, such as flexible plastics. We deliver your box to your workplace and collect it directly from your office once full.

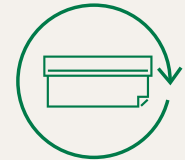
What can we collect?



Crisp packets



Corks



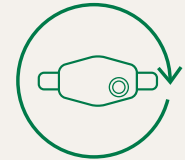
Plastic film



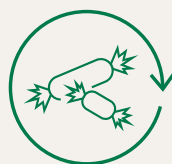
Coffee pods



Flexible Plastic



PPE



Snack wrappers



Plastic toiletries



Stationery



Printer cartridges



Cup lids

Getting your workplace ready

It is the responsibility of individual businesses within multi-occupancy buildings to ensure they are compliant, so make sure you have all the food waste and glass containers required.

We produce colour-coded posters and signage to help your staff recycle properly and without confusion. Download our [posters here](#); we recommend printing them and placing them around your workplace. You can browse our full range of recommended internal bins here.

We also have [training videos](#) in multiple languages for your staff, to demonstrate recycling best practices and reduce contamination.



Food Caddies

Our food caddies provide waterproof and hygienic storage for your food waste and are made of tough, durable plastic to prevent spillages or odours.

Caddies are ideal for kitchens and kitchenettes, and are designed to be stored on worktops.

40L Caddy

7L Vented Caddy





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