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Simpler Recycling

Informational Pack

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What is Simpler Recycling?

New rules to improve consistency and increase recycling rates

Standardises what
'recycling materials' are

Food and glass waste
must be separated

Dry mixed recycling
must be separated

Simpler Recycling is a government policy designed to streamline recycling practices across England.

It introduces consistent rules for separating waste streams, aiming to address the confusion caused by varying local authority practices.



What bins will I need?

Four mandatory waste streams

General Waste Bin

For all non-recyclable waste

Dry Mixed Recycling Bin

For paper, cardboard, plastics and aluminium

Glass Recycling Bin

For all glass recycling

Food Waste Bin

For all food waste

There's **no minimum weight requirement** for any of these bins, so whether you're tossing out a single apple core or managing the leftovers of an all-you-can-eat buffet, you'll need all four bins.

For other types of waste, such as clinical waste, you'll need a dedicated bin to ensure proper disposal of these items.



Who does it apply to?

All businesses over 10 employees in England

The new Simpler Recycling legislation will apply to all businesses and households across England.

This includes businesses from any sector, including but not limited to:



Airports



Farms



Butchers



Hotels



Hospitals



Garages



Gyms



Dentists



Campsites



Cafes



Veterinary



Takeaways



Schools



Retail



Pubs



Offices



Beauty Salons



When is the deadline?

Key deadlines for businesses to comply with Simpler Recycling

31st March 2025

Businesses with **10 or more employees** must separate food waste, glass waste, dry mixed recycling (paper, card, plastic, aluminium), and general waste.

31st March 2027

All businesses, regardless of size, must separate food waste, glass waste, dry mixed recycling (paper, card, plastic, aluminium), and general waste.



What happens if I don't comply?

Non-compliance can result in severe implications

Missed Collections

Your supplier will refuse to collect your waste if it is not sorted into the correct bin, but you will still be charged for the collection.

Penalties

Failure to adhere to compliance notices may result in legal penalties or enforcement actions under the Environment Agency's Enforcement and Sanctions Policy.

Reputational Damage

Businesses that fail to comply may face reputational harm, especially given the growing importance of sustainability to consumers. This can affect customer loyalty and brand image.

Compliance Notices

The Environment Agency can issue compliance notices, which require businesses to take corrective action to meet the recycling rules.



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