

# New permit scheme for garden waste collections

If you are a garden waste collection user, please read this important information

To receive garden waste collections from 1 April 2025, you must purchase an annual permit. This is replacing the previous direct debit process and payment. When you receive the permit, stick it on the lid of your brown bin as instructed in the following information.

Here's what you need to do in two simple steps:

- 1 Scan the QR code below, visit [southandvale.gov.uk/GardenWastePermit](https://southandvale.gov.uk/GardenWastePermit) or call 01235 422422 to make a one-off, annual payment for your garden waste collections. This will replace your current direct debit.
- 2 When you get it, stick your permit to the lid of your brown bin.

You can also sign up for an online account on our website to make things easier when you need to purchase your next permit in 2026.



If you need this leaflet in another format or language Email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk) Call 01235 422146.

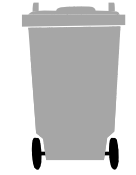
# Remember, all recycling MUST be CLEAN, DRY and placed in your recycling bin LOOSE!



Never put used household batteries, vapes or electrical items in your recycling bin - they're a major fire risk! Vapes and electrical items should go in a plastic bag next to your black bin on collection day. Household batteries go in a small clear bag placed on the lid of your recycling bin on collection day.



Too much recycling to go in your bin? Put extra recycling loose in an open cardboard box or in a clear sack next to your green recycling bin.



All bins should be presented for collection by 6am with lids fully closed. Report a missed collection:

- [southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins](https://southoxon.gov.uk/missedbins)
- 03000 610 610

You must report a missed collection by 5pm if you are contacting us by phone or by midnight if reporting it online, on the next working day immediately following your collection day.



If you have continual difficulties putting your waste for out collection please email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422146, so we can arrange to help.

## How to contact us and find out more

- For information about our waste and recycling services:
- go to [southoxon.gov.uk/recycling](https://southoxon.gov.uk/recycling)
  - call 03000 610 610
  - email [admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk](mailto:admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk)

# 2025-2026



# Waste and Recycling

Including your holiday collection changes

**Reduce \ Reuse \ Rethink!**



## Turn over to find out about

A BIG change for garden waste subscribers!

How you can save money by rethinking your waste!

# It's better to reduce, reuse and repair!

There's much more we can do to reduce the amount of things we throw away, which will help to save money and reduce the impact on the environment. **Here's just a few suggestions:**

## Try to reduce your food waste

Reduce food waste and save money by planning your meals, only buying and cooking what you will eat; and by storing, freezing or reusing your leftovers. For lots of tips visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com)



## Reusable, not rubbish!

**Avoid buying items that you might only use once.** Reusable bottles and bags are better than single use ones. If you need tools, see if a friend or family member has any you can borrow, or check to see if there's a Library of Things near you, just visit [cagoxfordshire.org.uk/library-of-things](http://cagoxfordshire.org.uk/library-of-things)



## Rehome things you no longer need or want

**If something is reusable, but no longer wanted, don't throw it away.** Sell it, donate it to a charity shop, school or community group, or ask a Library of Things if they would like to have it.



## Can you repair it?

**Instead of throwing broken or worn items away, take them to a repair cafe to see if they can be mended.** This could save you money and ensure perfectly good items don't go to waste. Visit [repaircafeoxfordshire.org](http://repaircafeoxfordshire.org)



**Reduce \ Reuse \ Rethink!**

To find out more, visit [southandvale.gov.uk/RethinkingWaste](http://southandvale.gov.uk/RethinkingWaste)

# Your waste and recycling collection changes 2025/26

## EASTER

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 18 April	Saturday 19 April
Monday 21 April	Tuesday 22 April
Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 23 April
Wednesday 23 April	Thursday 24 April
Thursday 24 April	Friday 25 April
Friday 25 April	Saturday 26 April

## EARLY MAY

Monday 5 May	Tuesday 6 May
Tuesday 6 May	Wednesday 7 May
Wednesday 7 May	Thursday 8 May
Thursday 8 May	Friday 9 May
Friday 9 May	Saturday 10 May

## LATE MAY

Monday 26 May	Tuesday 27 May
Tuesday 27 May	Wednesday 28 May
Wednesday 28 May	Thursday 29 May
Thursday 29 May	Friday 30 May
Friday 30 May	Saturday 31 May

## LATE AUGUST

Monday 25 August	Tuesday 26 August
Tuesday 26 August	Wednesday 27 August
Wednesday 27 August	Thursday 28 August
Thursday 28 August	Friday 29 August
Friday 29 August	Saturday 30 August



Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Thursday 25 December	Saturday 27 December*
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December*

Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December*
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December*
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January*
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January*
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January*

Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January*
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January*
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January*
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

\*Garden waste collections paused from 25 December to 8 January.

**CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR**



## Scan the QR code to stay in the know

Follow our Binfluencers WhatsApp Channel and get notifications about collection changes during adverse weather and more, sent directly to your phone to share with your neighbours, friends and family!



## Extra garden waste collections

We recognise that during certain times of the year there is more garden waste, so, if you are subscribed to our brown bin service, you can have extra garden waste collected for free, on your normal collection day only:

- between 31 March and 11 April and then again
- between 27 October and 7 November.

Check [southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste) for details.



## Two ways to get your full waste calendar

Visit [southoxon.gov.uk/wastecalendar](http://southoxon.gov.uk/wastecalendar)

No internet? Call Biffa on **03000 610610** for a printed calendar through the post