

Black boxes are coming...

Salisbury District Council is making changes to its waste and recycling collections. We have to achieve a large increase in the amount of waste we recycle and considerably reduce the amount of waste we are burying in landfill sites. We currently recycle only 24% of our waste and we need to get that figure up to a minimum of 40% by 2010".

26,000 householders in the district currently have access to the black box service. This allows you to recycle:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Mixed textiles and clothes
- Mixed glass
- Food and drink cans
- Foil
- Aerosols



From November 2007 we plan to extend this service

to the rest of the district. **What can go in the black box?**

newspapers & magazines

if Newspapers, catalogues (but not hard backed), magazines, junk mail, leaflets, envelopes (remove plastic windows) white printer paper and most telephone directories.

X We can't take Yellow Pages, cardboard or shredded paper in your black box.

Yellow Pages are not suitable for recycling with paper however they can be taken to Yellow Pages recycling skips at your **nearest Household Recycling Centre** (Salisbury or Amesbury) when your new edition arrives on your doorstep.

Shredded paper can often cause wind blown litter. Shredded paper is perfect for use as animal bedding. Alternatively place it in your **home composter or food waste digester.**

If you have a large amount of newspapers and magazines then please place in

textiles & clothes

«/ Clean clothes, pairs of shoes, leather belts, handbags, blankets, duvet

covers and sheets. Place them in a knotted carrier bag - they need to be kept dry.

X We cannot accept duvets or pillows.

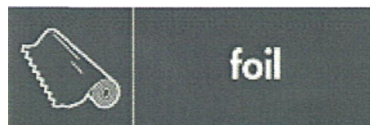


All clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars - please rinse them out and remove lids.

X No flat or broken glass - window panes, spectacles, pyrex, lightbulbs.

food & drink cans

All food and drinks cans and tins. Please rinse them out and crush them where possible. This helps to save space on the collection vehicles and reduces the need for extra trips to the bulking facility.



Clean aluminium foil - e.g. Tin foil and foil tops from milk bottles. Please remember to rinse all aluminium foil so it is clean.

X No silver plastic such as crisp or peanut packets. Try the scrunch test - if it springs back, it's not foil.

aerosols

All empty aerosol cans. Please do not squash aerosol cans. Full aerosol cans

What about plastics?

Currently plastic bottles can be disposed of at some mini recycling centre but we hope to provide a kerbside collection scheme in the future.

We already have a kerbside scheme for paper and cardboard what is happening to that?

Once you have received your black box then the current paper and cardboard will be changed to a cardboard only collection. Your paper goes into your black box.

You will receive details of the collection days inside your black box when it is delivered. If you have not received this information then please ring the Hills Waste and Recycling line on 0845 603 2085.

What about garden waste?

At present garden waste will be collected as before. Residents can put out one ordinary refuse bag containing garden waste with your weekly domestic refuse which is collected free of charge.

Larger amounts can be collected if placed in green garden refuse bags which can be purchased from the council. Unfortunately we are not able to recycle the garden waste collected.

Only grass cuttings, plants, weeds, hedge clippings, small shrub prunings and uncooked vegetable waste should be put in these bags.

Green garden refuse bags cost 64p each and can be purchased from the council's offices at:

- 64 Endless Street, Salisbury
- Mere Information Point
- Amesbury Information Point

Or by post, which a cheque, to:

Salisbury District Council
PO Box 2126 Salisbury SP2
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Don't panic if you live in flats, our officers are conducting detailed surveys on your block of flats to provide you with the recycling facilities that best suit your needs. But please be patient as these take time and may not be available to all flats from November 2007.

We need your help to achieve the recycling targets and we are trying to make it as easy as possible for you. We understand that we currently do not provide a service for you to recycle everything. But what we do provide should meet our targets **if everyone joins in and gets into the recycling habit!**

It's easy to recycle.

If you would like more information, please contact our Customer Services Department on 01722 434 319/320.