



Oakwood, Stoke Golding – Waste Minimisation and Recycling Information Pack

Overview

This information pack is provided to help new homeowners understand local waste and recycling services and to offer practical guidance to reduce household waste.

All information is correct at the time of publication but may change.

Residents should check the latest updates via **Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC)** or **Leicestershire County Council (LCC)**.

1. Reducing Household Waste

Below are practical ways to reduce the amount of waste produced at home. Some changes may require new habits or small initial costs, but overall waste reduction should be noticeable. You are encouraged to explore additional methods that best suit your lifestyle.

1. Buy Products with Minimal Packaging

- Choose loose fruit and vegetables instead of prepackaged items.
- Bring reusable produce bags or try local grocers and markets.
- Buy in bulk where possible (e.g., 24-roll toilet tissue, large cereal boxes, large bags of rice/pasta).

2. Use Reusable Containers

- Store dry goods (rice, pasta, cereals) in airtight reusable containers to prolong freshness and reduce packaging waste.
- Many shops now offer refill stations for loose foods—consider reusing jars or clean takeaway containers.

3. Choose Reusable Items

- Use long-life shopping bags (hessian or recycled cotton).
- Switch to rechargeable batteries to reduce single-use waste.



4. Avoid Single-Use Plastic Drinks Bottles

- Use reusable stainless-steel flasks or water bottles.
- These reduce plastic waste and can be refilled throughout the day.

5. Plan Meals

- Weekly meal planning reduces food waste and saves money.
- Use a shared household planner, whiteboard, or chalkboard.

6. Consider Composting

- Composting food and garden waste reduces landfill methane emissions.
- More information is provided in the *Home Composting* section.

7. Repurpose or Donate Items

- Reuse envelopes for notes, donate newspapers or cardboard to local schools (ask first).
- Donate books, furniture, carpets, and rugs to charity shops or reuse organisations.
- Repurpose glass jars for crafts, storage, or local jam/pickle makers.

2. Local Waste and Recycling Services

2.1 Ordering New Bins

HBBC makes a small charge for providing new wheeled bins.

Order bins via:

 [https://www.hinckley-](https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200255/new_bin_caddy_or_bag/1126/bins_for_a_new_home)

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 **01455 238 141**

 Or visit **Hinckley Hub**

Typical delivery time: 5–10 working days.

Prices (as of 31/01/23):

- **Black refuse bin:** £25.50
- **Blue-lidded recycling bin:** £25.50

Find your bin collection day:

 <https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/address-search?redirect=refuse>

Put bins out by **7am** on collection day.

For an A–Z guide to disposing of specific items:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/how-do-i-dispose-of>

2.2 Refuse (Black Bin)

Bin size depends on number of permanent residents:

Household size	Bin size
1–2 people	140L
3–4 people	240L
5–6 people	360L
Larger households	Multiple bins

Acceptable waste:

General household **non-recyclable** and **non-compostable** waste.

Not accepted:

- Construction waste (bricks, rubble, tiles, plasterboard)
- Soil or turf
- Hazardous items (needles, chemicals, asbestos)
- Fluorescent tubes
- Paint (take to Whetstone Waste Site—permit required)
- Liquid waste

Use a skip or visit a Recycling & Household Waste Site for these materials:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-and-household-waste-site>

2.3 Recycling (Blue-Lidded Bin)

What you can recycle:

Paper & Cardboard

- Newspapers, magazines, directories



- Envelopes (including window envelopes)
- Books (donate if possible)
- Flattened cardboard (extra left beside bin in clear bags/boxes)

Glass Bottles & Jars

- All colours accepted
- Must be clean, with lids on
- *Not accepted:* window glass, Pyrex

Cans, Tins & Foil

- Food and drink cans
- Empty aerosols
- Clean foil and foil trays

Cartons

- Tetra Pak cartons
- Crisp tubes (e.g., Pringles)
- Egg boxes

Plastics

- All types of plastic bottles (clean, empty)
- Food containers (yoghurt, ice cream, butter tubs)
- Food trays (except polystyrene)
- Bubble wrap, cling film, cellophane
- Plastic bags (reuse where possible)

Not accepted:

- Black plastic
- Polystyrene
- Paint tins
- Hard plastics (toys, coat hangers)
- Plant pots
- Electricals



- CDs, DVDs, tapes
- Batteries
- Disposable vapes
- Gas canisters

Electricals can be taken to “pink banks.”

Nearest: **Bosworth Community College, Leicester Lane, Desford LE9 9JL**

2.4 Garden Waste (Brown Bin)

Subscription service only:

25 collections/year, June–May.

Call **01455 238 141** to subscribe.

Accepted:

- Grass, weeds
- Flowers, hedge clippings, leaves
- Small branches, bark
- Real Christmas trees (cut to 1m)

Not accepted:

- Soil or compost
 - Turf
 - Treated wood
 - Plant pots
 - Animal waste
 - Food waste
 - Chemicals
 - General waste
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2.5 Textiles & Shoes (Red Bag)



Order more bags here:

 https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200255/new_bin_caddy_or_bag/1124/red_bag

Accepted:

- Clothes
- Shoes (paired)
- Bedding (covers only)
- Towels, curtains
- Handbags and belts

Not accepted: duvets, pillows, cushions.

2.6 Large Item Collections

HBBC offers a paid bulky waste collection service.

Charges:

- 1–3 items: **£30**
- 4–5 items: **£44.50**

Book here:

 https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/528/collections_for_large_items/969/how_to_arrange_a_collection

Or call **01455 238 141**

2.7 Batteries

Not collected kerbside.

Take to:

- Local waste sites
- Supermarkets with battery banks
- Bring banks

Car batteries must go to LCC Waste Sites.

2.8 Local “Bring Banks”

Bosworth Community College, Desford LE9 9JL

Accepts:

- Small electricals
- Foil
- Plastics
- Paper
- Glass
- Textiles

Co-op Groby, LE6 0YG

Accepts:

- Batteries
- Plastics
- Textiles (Salvation Army bank)

2.9 Recycling & Household Waste Sites

Check accepted items and opening times:

 <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-and-household-waste-site>

Nearest sites:

- **Barwell Waste Site, LE9 8HE**
- **Whetstone Waste Site, LE8 6JL**
- **Coalville Waste Site, LE67 3JY**

Accepted items include:

General waste, gas bottles, lights, furniture, glass, plastics, textiles, scrap metal, appliances, white goods, wood, garden waste, paint (Whetstone only)

Charged items include:

- Asbestos (special permit required)
- Hardcore and soil

- Flat glass

Charges vary. See:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/waste-disposal-charges-and-terms>

Not accepted:

- Car parts
- Tyres
- Ammunition
- Business waste
- Clinical waste

Chemical waste requires a temporary permit (free). Only accepted at:

Tradebe, Unit 23 Jacknell Road, Hinckley LE10 3BS

Tel: **01455 616 673**

3. Home Composting

Using a Compost Bin

- Place on soil/grass in a sunny area.
- Add garden waste, cardboard, paper, tea bags, fruit/veg peelings.
- Compost is usually ready in 9–12 months.
- Do **not** add cooked food, meat, fish, eggs, or dairy.

Food Digesters

- Suitable for homes with limited garden space.
- Accept both cooked and uncooked food waste.
- Produce nutrient-rich compost, liquid feed, or soil improver.

More information:

<https://www.lesswaste.org.uk/compost/>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/how-to-recycle/home-composting>



4. Sustainable DIY & Purchasing

Timber

Choose **FSC** or **PEFC-certified** timber.

 www.fsc.org

 www.pefc.org

Paint

Use low-VOC paints to reduce environmental impact.

Appliances

Check energy labels and choose low-energy, low-water-use models.

 www.est.org.uk

Lighting

Use LED bulbs and energy-efficient fittings.

Organic Food

Organic farming reduces chemicals and supports healthier soil.

 www.food.gov.uk