

Our new waste and recycling collection system

In 2024, almost 20,000 people completed our survey, with 61% telling us they wanted us to replace the current boxes and bags with two new bins.

Since then, we've been busy putting all of the necessary arrangements in place.

So far we:

- Have placed orders for a new fleet of collection vehicles
- Continue to award key contracts
- Have drawn up the documents we need in place to be able to roll out the new system.

We will also be ordering the bins themselves shortly.

Our plan is to move households across the district to the new system in phases, with the first starting for households in some areas of Coalville, Whitwick, New Swannington, Hugglescote and Thringstone from around November this year.

We will begin contacting people who are part of the first phase with more information over the next few months.

This also includes contacting a handful of households which we think might not have enough space to put the standard sized bins out.

What's changing

We are proposing that households will have:

- A new 180L orange-lidded bin for plastics, cans, tins, foil, aerosols, and glass
- A new 180L blue-lidded bin for cardboard and paper
- The standard black bin for non-recyclable waste
- The standard garden waste bin.

Food waste collections

In line with new national legislation, we will also be introducing weekly food waste collections at the same time as we roll out the new bins – so households in each phase will also receive two smaller caddies for food waste.

Weekly battery collections

We're proposing new weekly battery collections which will help reduce the risk of fires.

No textile collections

We're also proposing an end to textile collections as they are often of low quality with limited recycling options.

No excess recycling

The design of the new collection vehicles won't allow our waste crews to throw extra waste into them by hand, as that's just not safe.

This means that once the new system launches, we will no longer take away additional recycling that's left out. However, the new bins will have much more space to hold more recycling.

We will work with any residents who are worried that they may have too much waste to fit in the bins to find a way to dispose of their waste properly.

