

Request

To whom it may concern, I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like:-

- 1) An information sheet regarding domestic bin colours available to residents within your councils jurisdiction. Please include:
 - a) The name of the bin (e.g. Food waste, recycling, general waste or mixed recycling),
 - b) the colours of the bins and what can go into each of the bins.
- 2) Additionally, I would to know the days of the week that each of the bins are collected across ALL of the postcode areas / areas within your council's Jurisdiction.
- 3) Lastly, I would like to know the typical or average number of collections that each waste collection vehicle / team makes per day. If this information isn't available, please could you tell me what targets each team / vehicle are ordinarily given.

Response

- 1) Attached is a document which highlights each bin colour(s) available to the residents of the Borough.
 - a) Black Bin-General Household Waste, Brown Bin-Co-Mingled Recycling, Blue Bin-Paper/Cardboard Recyclables & Green Bin-Biodegradable Garden Waste & Food Waste.
 - b) Please see above & attached document.
- 2) The Black, Brown & Blue bin collections across the Borough are emptied over a three-weekly cycle Tuesday-Friday, the Green bin collections are emptied over a fortnightly schedule Tuesday-Friday. We operate a missed bin collection service on a Monday.

All bin collection calendar schedules relating to residential housing postcodes can be found via the following link

<https://apps.wigan.gov.uk/MyNeighbourhood/>

- 3) The collection teams on average empty around 1,200 Black bins per day, 1,500 Brown bins per day, 1,500 Blue bins per day & 1,850 Green bins per day.

Blue bin / white sack	
ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Office paper	Nappies / Incontinence pads
Junk mail	Food
Catalogues, brochures and directories	Plastic bags
Newspapers and magazines	Plastic wrappers
Envelopes	Plastic trays
Greeting cards (without glitter)	Polystyrene
Cardboard (including printed or plain)	Hard back and paper back books
Kitchen and toilet roll inner tubes	Crisp packets
	Wallpaper
	Empty Food and drink cartons - inc Tetra pak

Brown bin

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Cans, tins and aerosols	Plastic bags, plastic wrapping, plastic film
Glass bottles	Coat hangers
Glass jars	Plant pots
Plastic bottles	Furniture or toys
Yoghurt pots	Food
Household plastic pots and tubs	Nappies / Incontinence pads
Aluminium foil	Foil type food sachets, coffee pods
	Electrical items
	Hosepipes, wire
	Wine and beverage glasses
	Window pane glass

Green bin / green caddy

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Grass	Cardboard
Leaves	Large branches (more than 15cm diameter)
Twigs	Soil
Small branches (less than 15cm diameter)	Rubble
Food including: Bread and pastries / egg shells and dairy (no liquids) / fish (raw or cooked) / fruit and vegetables / meat and bones (raw or cooked) / teabags and coffee grounds / leftover food.	Food packaging
	Liquid oils and fat
	Liquid dairy products such as milk, yoghurt or cream
	Plastic bags

You can put food waste straight into your green bin (no food waste bag needed).

- [Where to get replacement caddy liners.](#)

Please ensure you recycle as much as possible using your Blue, Brown and Green bins.

Black bin

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Anything that is not allowed in the above bins	Soil
Nappies / Incontinence pads	Rubble
Dog foul	Building materials
Cat litter	Liquid waste (including paints and oils)
	Hazardous waste
	Prohibited items