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Waste Strategy 2025-29: Have Your Say

Helping you to help us recycle more...

Wales has the second highest recycling rate in the world and Swansea is ranked the best recycling city in Wales.

We've made huge progress in recent years to achieve this success and we're now proposing making some changes to help keep Swansea among the best recycling cities.

The proposals include reducing the number of black bags collected fortnightly from three to two. Most families already put out only two black bags so we're confident we can introduce this change across Swansea, with some exemptions for large families etc.

In the next 12 months we want to save around 10 million single use green bags a year by introducing reusable containers for cans & glass, and paper & card.

We're also investing in modern vehicles to help collect and sort different waste and we're making improvements to the way we meet your needs such as kerbside collection. By doing this we can help you to help Swansea recycle as much waste as possible.

We'd like your views in this survey to inform our final proposals for improving your waste and recycling services.

Recycling and Waste Collections

Our current recycling and waste services

Waste is collected from every household once a fortnight. In addition, food waste is collected every week.

The current collection timetable is:

- Week 1: Residual waste (Black Bags max 3) and Plastic / Food waste
Week 2: Cans & Glass / Paper & Card and Garden waste / Food waste

The Service also provides collections from the doorstep, for households with who are unable to place at the kerbside.

Proposed changes to recycling and waste collections

We want to make some changes to help increase the amount of household waste that's recycled.

Do you agree or disagree with our aim to increase recycling rates further in Swansea

- Strongly Agree Tend to Agree Tend to Disagree Strongly Disagree

Under the proposals, each household would:

- Have their waste collected every fortnight.
- The number of black bags will reduce from three to two.
- Food waste will continue to be collected every week.
- Garden waste will be collected from mid-March to mid-December.

Over half of the properties recently surveyed currently put out 2 black bags or less, and the existing exemption policy will still apply for properties which generate more than 2 black bags' worth of non-recyclable waste.

www.swansea.gov.uk/blackbagexemptions

Week 1: Residual waste (Black Bags, 2 bag limit) / food waste and cans & glass / paper & card

Week 2: Plastic / food waste and garden waste

This also means:

- Black bags collected with food waste on the same week as green bags
- Pink bags collected with food waste on the same week as white bags

This option is our preferred choice because:

- It means the smallest change for residents, keeping black bag collections fortnightly, including a new two-bag limit.
- It's the most cost-effective option.
- It will significantly increase recycling.
- It will help further reduce carbon emissions.
- It results in little change for collection crews.

Do you agree or disagree with our proposed changes to our Recycling and Waste Collections?

- Strongly Agree Tend to Agree Tend to Disagree Strongly Disagree

To help households reduce their waste to a maximum of two black bags per fortnight, the Council will consider introducing the collection of other recyclable items such as plastic film, electricals and textiles

Do you agree or disagree that the council should look to trial the collection of other recyclable items?

- Strongly Agree Tend to Agree Tend to Disagree Strongly Disagree

Other options were considered including:

- 3 weekly black bag collection (3 bag limit)
- Weekly kerbside sort dry recycling and food waste
- Charging for garden waste collections

These were discounted due to the impact on residents to move to 3 weekly black bag collections and the cost needed to implement weekly kerbside recycling. Charging for garden waste collections has not been recommended currently, as the implementation of seasonal garden waste will have a reduced impact on residents. This will however be kept under review and considered further in future.

Are there any other options you feel the Council should have looked at in relation our Recycling and Waste Collections?

About You: Finding out who has taken part

In accordance with Data Protection law, any information requested on the following questions is held in the strictest confidence for data analysis purposes only. For further information about how Swansea Council uses your personal data, please see our corporate privacy notice on our website www.swansea.gov.uk/privacynotice.

Are you...?

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| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Prefer to self-describe (write in) |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

Is your gender you identify with the same as that which you were assigned at birth?

- Yes
 No
 Prefer not to say

How old are you ...

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| <input type="radio"/> Under 16 | <input type="radio"/> 56 - 65 |
| <input type="radio"/> 16 - 25 | <input type="radio"/> 66 - 75 |
| <input type="radio"/> 26 - 35 | <input type="radio"/> 76 - 85 |
| <input type="radio"/> 36 - 45 | <input type="radio"/> Over 85 |
| <input type="radio"/> 46 - 55 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

How would you describe your national identity?

Please mark all that apply

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> British | <input type="checkbox"/> Other British (please write in at end) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> Non British (please write in at end) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee/Asylum Seeker (please write in current/last nationality at end) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish | |

Write in here

To what 'ethnic' group do you consider

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| <input type="radio"/> White - Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Irish | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Chinese |
| <input type="radio"/> White - Roma | <input type="radio"/> Any other Asian background (please write in at end) |
| <input type="radio"/> Any other White background (please write in at end) | <input type="radio"/> Black or Black British - Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White & Black Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> Black or Black British - African |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White & Black African | <input type="radio"/> Any other Black background (please write in at end) |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White & Asian | <input type="radio"/> Arab |
| <input type="radio"/> Any other Mixed background (please write in at end) | <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group (please write in at end) |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

Write in here

What is your religion?

Please mark one box or write in

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| <input type="radio"/> No religion | <input type="radio"/> Muslim |
| <input type="radio"/> Christian (all denominations) | <input type="radio"/> Sikh |
| <input type="radio"/> Buddhist | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Hindu | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Jewish | |

Any other religion or philosophical belief (please write in)

What is your sexual orientation

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| <input type="radio"/> Bisexual | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Gay/ Lesbian | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Heterosexual | |

Please write in

Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?

Please mark all that apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understand spoken Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Welsh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write Welsh | |

Which languages do you use from day to day?

Please mark all that apply

English

Other (write in)

Welsh

Prefer not to say

Please write in

Do you have any physical or mental conditions or illnesses lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-today activities?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Thank you for your participation