

Eco Champions - February

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MK Eco Champions Newsletter

MK Milton Keynes
City Council



The wheelie bins are coming!

Later this year we will be launching the wheelie bin roll out across MK. This is a huge undertaking with months of planning, information events and the ordering of over 300,000

wheelie bins.

This month's newsletter gives you a heads up as to what is coming and how it may affect you, your neighbours, colleagues, and customers.

See our top 5 questions below to find out more...

1. What are the benefits of changing to wheelie bins?

MK City Council's ambition is to be a cleaner, greener, and safer place to live, and changing to wheelie bins for the collection of rubbish and recycling is one of the ways we can achieve these aims.

By changing to wheelie bins there are many advantages, including:

- higher levels of recycling
- better quality recycled materials
- lower rates of injuries for residents and to staff moving sacks
- less street litter from sack spillage

Residents in MK currently use 11 million single use recycling sacks annually. The new wheelie bins are produced here in the UK. The main body of all the new bins and the black lids are made from 100% recycled High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) sourced in the UK. Old HDPE products, including old wheelie bins, are ground down, melted and then injection moulded to become wheelie bins. The wheelie bins are 100% recyclable.

2. What goes in each bin?



Black bin for waste that cannot be recycled

Red lid bin for recycling paper and card

Blue lid bin for recycling plastic, metals, and glass

Green bin for food and garden waste

Small yellow battery bag

3. What are the criteria for properties suitable/not suitable for wheelie bins?

We have carried out surveys across the entire city to check which properties have suitable space for the new wheelie bins. 94% of households in Milton Keynes will have wheelie bins, mostly properties at street level, this includes houses and properties converted into flats. Properties not suitable for wheelie bins, will remain on sacks.

See [Frequently asked questions | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#) to find out more about the criteria used.

4. What are you doing to help people who find it hard to use a bin?



We will continue to offer [assisted collections](#) to elderly or disabled residents who can't move their bin, following an assessment.

You can only request an assisted collection if you have no other help to move your bin.

5. Where can I find out more?

Visit our [New waste collection service webpages](#) or [come along to one of our information events](#)

Bins on tour

Do you have any suggestions on potential locations where we can talk with residents in local communities?

If you do, please contact yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Free leaflets

Order free wheelie bin information leaflets. Just let us know how many and where to send them to by emailing yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Contact us

Tell us your good news stories of things you have done at home and at work to help the environment to be included in future newsletters.

Do you have a question you would like to ask the MKCC Environment and Waste team or the MK Eco Champion community?

Let us know if you have a particular eco topic you would like covered in future newsletters.

Email wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk