

Recycling and waste in school

Advice for Site Managers and Caretakers

Recycling is not only good for the environment, but also brings cost savings as MK schools are only charged for the emptying and disposal of rubbish from the black Eurobin.



Waste and recycling collection bins

All waste must fit in the bins, no side waste will be accepted. Please ensure the bins are accessible to our crews on your collection day.

Pink 1100 litre Eurobin – place items in loose for recycling, including:

- Paper
- Cardboard (please squash down)
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic food tubs
- Fizzy drinks cans
- Food cans
- Foil trays
- Empty aerosol spray cans
- Milk and drinks cartons

From September 2023 glass bottles and jars may also be added

Green 140 litre wheeled bin – for food and garden waste

Black 1100 litre Eurobin – tissues and hand towels and all other non-recyclable waste

Grey 5 litre caddy / 23 litre green lockable caddy – for collection of food waste within school

Check our webpages www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles for a more detailed listing of what goes in each bin and FAQs.

Classroom bins and posters

We do not provide individual bins for the classrooms. Purchase bins most suitable location yourself. Then empty these bins directly into the larger Eurobins.

Placing rubbish and recycling bins next to each other with clear signage will assist good recycling. Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-education-resources for free bin posters to go above the bins.

Food Waste

All food waste types are collected by MKCC includes i.e. fruit, vegetables, meat (cooked or raw), bones, dairy, plate scrapings, out of date, etc.



Caddy liners may be used, which comply with the EN13432 standard and display the 'Seedling logo'. Alternatively, place a newspaper at the base to absorb any moisture.

Bulky waste and electrical / electronic waste collection

This is a chargeable service for disposal of bulky items e.g. furniture, large amounts of waste, electricals and electronics, etc. Email yourwaste@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk for a quote.

Compost bins and water butts

Visit www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/composting for advice on how to convert your school's food and garden waste into compost. This webpage provides details of how to purchase compost bins and water butts at a discounted price.

Litter picking

Visit www.Milton-Keynes.gov.uk/litterpicking for advice and how to loan out litter pick sets free of charge.

Additional advice - www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/waste-education-resources, see Advice for School councils, eco groups and site managers section for:

- free bin posters
- advice on how to increase recycling and reduce waste in school
- Eco advice for school councils
- Free Eco Warrior activity booklets for students



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