

Are you Simpler Recycling compliant?

The Essential Guide for all English businesses

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What is Simpler Recycling?

Simpler Recycling is a government initiative designed to make recycling simpler, more consistent, and easier to follow across **England**.

When Simpler Recycling is in place:

- 1 Less waste will go to landfill**
Separating different waste streams will improve recycling and recovery.
- 2 Businesses will meet legislative requirements**
They will have the right bins, trained staff and separate waste collections in place.
- 3 Recycling rates will increase**
More recyclable materials will be separated correctly and kept in circulation.



What bins will I need?

The four mandatory waste streams are:

General Waste Bin

For all non-recyclable waste



Dry Mixed Recycling Bin

For paper, cardboard, plastics and aluminium



Glass Recycling Bin

For all glass recycling



Food Waste Bin

For all food waste



If you produce other waste streams, such as clinical, sanitary, confidential or any other specialist waste, you are legally required to have dedicated bins for these waste streams to ensure they are stored, collected and disposed of correctly.

***This is based on Government guidance and guidance from UK suppliers (look at how we have worded it on the Simpler quiz)**

Who does it apply to?

In 2025, it was applied to all businesses with over 10 employees in England.

The new Simpler Recycling legislation will be applied to all businesses and households across England in March **2027**.

This includes **businesses from all sectors**, including but not limited to:

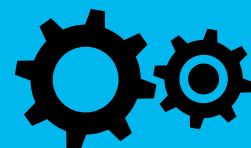
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- Hotels
- Cafés
- Pubs
- Takeaways



INDUSTRIAL & OTHER

- Farms
- Garages
- Airports
- Campsites
- Gyms
- Butchers
- Schools



COMMERCIAL

- Offices
- Retail
- Beauty Salons



HEALTHCARE

- Hospitals
- Dentists
- Veterinary



When is the deadline?

Key deadlines for businesses to comply with Simpler Recycling



**31st March
2025**

Households
Simpler Recycling was introduced for households across England, with councils required to provide consistent recycling collections.

**31st March
2027**

Businesses with 10+ employees
Simpler Recycling requirements came into force for businesses and relevant non-domestic premises with 10 or more full-time equivalent employees.

**31st March
2025**

Micro-businesses
The requirements extend to micro-businesses with fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees, ending their temporary exemption.

FAQs

Do I really need a glass/food bin if I don't produce this type of waste?

If you genuinely never produce this waste, then you won't need these bins.

However, please be aware that should any of this type of waste, no matter how small, be produced by customers/visitors/staff, then it will not be permitted to be disposed of in your general waste or dry mixed recycling bin.

I have checked the Government website, and the guidance looks different to what you are telling me. Which is correct?

Both are correct, but they serve different purposes.

The Government has published the legal framework for Simpler Recycling; however, some areas of the guidance are still evolving.

In addition, the legislation allows waste collectors to implement alternative collection arrangements where it is economically, operationally, and environmentally appropriate to do so. This means collection requirements can vary between suppliers and locations.

What happens if I don't comply with Simpler Recycling?

Non-compliance may lead to collection issues, warning notices, additional charges, or enforcement action from the Environment Agency.

It can also result in waste building up on site, which may attract pests and create reputation risks for your business.

For these reasons, it's important to separate waste correctly to ensure it can be collected and processed as intended.

Introduction to Waste Managed

Who We Are

Waste Managed is a leading commercial waste broker, helping businesses across the UK manage their waste efficiently, compliantly, and cost-effectively.

With Simpler Recycling bringing significant changes to how businesses manage their waste, we provide expert guidance and tailored waste solutions to help businesses understand their responsibilities and stay compliant.

We understand that managing waste can be complex, particularly with changing legislation, different waste streams, and the need to keep materials correctly separated. That's why we make waste management simple, taking away the hassle and uncertainty so businesses can focus on running their operations.

Our Mission

To provide businesses with reliable, compliant, and straightforward waste management solutions that make it easier to meet their responsibilities under Simpler Recycling.

We aim to empower businesses with expert advice, dependable collections, and practical support, helping them separate waste correctly, reduce contamination, keep valuable materials in the circular economy, and stay prepared for the changing regulatory landscape.



"At Waste Managed, our commitment to sustainability is at the heart of everything we do. We strive to create innovative solutions that not only manage waste but also protect our planet for future generations."

- **Damon Smith, CEO**

Why Businesses Choose Waste Managed

With more than 15 years of waste management experience, we help businesses across the UK prepare for legislative changes and maintain compliance when it comes to both segregating their waste streams and waste collection.

Our service includes:

- Nationwide waste collection solutions
- Guidance on Simpler Recycling compliance
- Bin supply and waste stream planning
- Multi-site waste management support
- Sector-specific expertise
- Ongoing account management



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The background image shows an industrial waste management facility. Two workers in the foreground are wearing white hard hats, safety glasses, and high-visibility yellow and blue vests. They are standing on a metal walkway or platform. In the background, there is a large pile of waste material being processed by machinery. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

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