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July 2025 - June 2026

Recycling is collected every two weeks and refuse is collected every week.

To determine your collection day and recycling collection week (week one or week two), go to Council's website, find the recycling



map, type in your address, and find out what day and week to put your wheelie bin out. Use the recycling calendar to the left to know which week is week one and week two.

You can also find your recycling collection day online. Our online look-up will indicate your next collection day when you type in your address. You can also subscribe to receive reminder emails.

Holiday changes to collection days

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Thursday in 2025/26 - these collections will move to Friday. Regular Friday collections in these weeks will be one day later, on Saturday. Good Friday collection will move to Saturday. All other collections on public holidays will remain on the same day.

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To find out more, bullerdc.govt.nz







Recycling guidelines at a glance

The key to improving Buller's waste and recycling footprint is YOU! Be a local hero and follow the recycling guidelines. Your participation is essential to ensure your recycling will have a second life.

How do I use my recycling bin?

Follow the local recycling rules. If you do not follow these rules, Smart Environmental Ltd can refuse to collect your bin.

Put your refuse and recycling out by 7:30 am on your collection day.

Place the wheelie bin and glass crate as close to the kerb as possible and clear of the footpath.

Glass crate

- You can only put clean unbroken glass bottles and jars, (rinsed and lids removed) in your glass crate.
- Do not over fill your glass crate. Overfilled glass crates are a safety hazard.
- You must ensure the glass is level with the top of the crate or it may not be picked up.
- Extra bottles can be taken to the transfer station for FREE.

A bit about rubbish

Rubbish (refuse/waste) is any waste or item which cannot be recycled, like non-recyclable packaging, toothbrushes, and clothes.

- You need to use the official 60 L rubbish bags for rubbish that cannot be recycled. You can buy these at local supermarkets or at council's offices.
- You can dispose of refuse at the Westport and Reefton Transfer Stations during opening hours at a per tonne gate fee charge.
- You can find the transfer station locations on Council's website.
- If your rubbish is not put in an official rubbish bag, it will not be collected.

What can and cannot go into your yellow bin

The best way to improve our recycling system is to follow the guidelines below. This will ensure your recycling does not go to landfill.

Materials accepted as recycling





Only clear and coloured plastics #1, #2 and #5 are recyclable. Plastic #1 meat trays are now accepted. All items need to be rinsed clean, with any lids removed.



Steel tins and aluminium cans are recyclable. You need to rinse, clean, and check them.

Cardboard and paper are recyclable. Clean pizza boxes, without food residue, are now accepted. Items must be larger than an envelope, clean and flattened before going into your yellow bin.

Materials not accepted as recycling



Plastics #3, #4, #6 and #7 cannot be recycled, so keep them out of your yellow bin. Check when you buy what type of plastic things are and choose recyclable plastics.

- X Polystyrene
- X Coffee cups
- X Plastic bags
- X Cling wrap



- X Crockery/ceramics
- X Garden waste
- 🗙 Bubble wrap
- X Products with multiple components (e.g. Pringles containers)

To find out more check out Council's website bullerdc.govt.nz/waste-and-recycling or call 0800 807 239

Follow bullerdistrictcouncil on Facebook to learn more about minimising your waste footprint in the Buller District.











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