

# Stirling Council Media Release

## COVID19 - Temporary changes to household waste collection services

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Due to the developing Covid-19 situation, Stirling Council is making necessary changes to household waste and recycling arrangements.

These will affect the collection of blue, brown and glass containers, allowing the Waste Service to focus available staff resources on priority collections.

A summary of the changes can be viewed below.

### Household Waste Collection Services

**Brown Bin (food and garden) collections will be suspended from W/C 30 March.** Last collections will take place Sunday, 29 March. After this date Food and garden waste can be placed in your grey bin.

**Glass Box** collections are **suspended until further notice with immediate effect.** We would ask people to retain their glass at home for future recycling or, where this is not possible, to place it within your grey bin.

**Blue Bins (plastics & cans)** will now be collected **once every four weeks.** Your collection week is also temporarily changing - please check our website and social media for full details.

**Grey Bins** will continue to be collected **as normal every two weeks** on your scheduled collection day.

**Green Bins** will continue to be collected **as normal every four weeks** on your scheduled collection day.

This means that only **ONE** bin will be collected each week until further notice. Please follow the new temporary timetable which is listed below.

Summary of forthcoming collection weeks:

- W/C 30<sup>th</sup> March – GREY Bins only
- W/C 6<sup>th</sup> April – GREEN Bins only
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> April – GREY Bins only
- W/C 20<sup>th</sup> April – BLUE Bins only

Prior to each collection week, we will be reminding the public what bin is due for collection on the Council's social media channels – Twitter and Facebook. The new arrangements and a summary of the changes can also be found on the [dedicated Coronavirus service disruptions page on the Stirling Council website](#).

**For the time being, please disregard the waste and recycling collection calendars that were recently posted to your house.**

## **COVID-19 – Safe Waste Presentation Procedures**

Any individuals asked to self-isolate, either as a precaution or because they are confirmed to have Coronavirus (COVID-19), should follow this advice to dispose of their household waste to ensure the virus is not spread via personal waste:

- Individuals should place all personal waste such as used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths, securely in a plastic bag or bin liner
- This plastic bag should then be placed in another plastic bag and securely tied
- These bags must be stored separately to other waste for at least 72 hours before being placed in your grey bin.

## **Household Waste and Recycling Centres**

Following the restrictions announced by the UK and Scottish Governments on 23 March, all Stirling Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres (tips) are now **closed until further notice**.

## **Polmaise Depot Weighbridge Service**

The weighbridge at Polmaise Depot Waste Transfer Station will be **closed to commercial customers until further notice**. Commercial customers involved in critical supply chain delivery (as outlined by Government announcements) requiring disposal services during this period, should contact the Council's Customer Service Centre on 01786 404040.

## **Special Uplift Service**

The Special Uplift service has **ceased with immediate effect until further notice**.

The Council will continue to monitor waste collections and will provide further updates in due course. It may be that further adjustments to collection arrangements will be required in the coming weeks.

Convener of the Environment and Housing Committee, Cllr Jim Thomson said: "The UK and Scottish Governments' latest restrictions, combined with the significant resource challenges we were already facing during this unprecedented situation, left us with no option other than to temporarily reduce our waste services.

"We recognise these enforced changes will cause disruption to residents and businesses across Stirling and we would appreciate their patience during this national emergency."

Vice Convener of the Committee, Cllr Danny Gibson said: "We understand that closing our waste and recycling centres will cause inconvenience to the public but this is a necessary decision following strict national guidance.

"Our kerbside service will continue to operate, with a focus on priority collections, and we would ask people for their understanding and support in these challenging times."

To confirm what to put in your bins, check our website here: <https://my.stirling.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/what-to-put-in-your-bins/>

For the full list of Council service disruptions due to the current national emergency, please visit:  
<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/emergencies-emergency-planning/coronavirus/>