

Recycling Guidance For Woking

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Intro	First, thanks to ZeroCarbon Guildford for sharing their list and letting us amend for Woking!		
	Do also check https://www.jointwastesolutions.org/recycling-centres-and-banks/ for other local recycling collection bins and community waste facilities.		
	And check here for suggestions on particular items: https://www.jointwastesolutions.org/bin-collections/what-do-i-do-with/#		
	There are new guidelines for household recycling coming into effect from 31 March 2026, see for more details. We think this will include kerbside collection of cartons (incl Tetrapaks) but we are trying to get confirmation of this. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/simpler-recycling-household-recycling-in-england#transitional-arrangements		
Give Away	Buy Nothing Woking (Facebook groups) GU21: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2717410438399573/ GU22: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036777194274905		
	Olio local sharing app – you can list for free or for sale		
	Woking Community Furniture Project - https://www.wokingcfp.co.uk/ - drop off in-store or arrange a collection		
	Anglo Doorstep Collections – https://www.anglo doorstepcollections.co.uk/ - for unwanted clothes and household items, collected from your doorstep, proceeds donated to charity		
	https://www.bhf.org.uk/shop/donating-goods/book-furniture-collection-near-me - furniture and electrical items collected from your home for sale in British Heart Foundation stores to help fund their research		
	Working tools and equipment may be useful to Guildford/Elmbridge Library of Things (until Woking has its own!) or the Useful Wood company		
	https://trashnothing.com/browse		
	https://www.freecycle.org		
	Items	Where	Additional Info
Kitchen	Plastic bags and food packaging; cleaning product packaging	https://www.bpf.co.uk/recycling/where-can-i-recycle-my-plastic.aspx	Most supermarkets offer some recycling – check their websites for details
		Terracycle (Individual Items and Drop-Off Points)	
	Aluminium foil	Kerb-side collection (must be the size of a tennis ball)	
		Woking Community Recycling Centre (Metal Container)	
	Sodastream cartridges:	https://sodastream.co.uk/pages/store-locator	

Bathroom	Tetrapaks	Martyr's Lane Community Recycling Centre (although we think they just get burnt rather than recycled as no separate carton banks provided) https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/community-recycling-centres/woking	Morrison's no longer provide a collection point. (Aug25)
	Toothbrushes, Electric toothbrush heads, Toothpaste tubes + packaging	Boots https://www.boots.com/shopping/boots-recycling-scheme/recycle-at-boots-accepted-items	
	Electric toothbrush heads and covers	Terracycle (Collection and Drop Off Point)	
	Flossing sticks and interdental brushes	https://www.terracycle.com	
	Electric flosser nozzles		
	Electric toothbrushes	Small electrical items that are broken (and can't be reused) are classed as WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment). This includes any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging, or have a picture of a crossed-out wheelie bin on. You can recycle these locally.	
	Makeup packaging	Boots https://www.boots.com/shopping/boots-recycling-scheme/recycle-at-boots-accepted-items	
		Terracycle (Multiple Items, both non-specific and specific)	The Burt's Bees® Personal Care Free
	Makeup packaging (not	Superdrug	
	Packaging from face	Terracycle (Collection Only)	No local drop off location available in Woking.
	Deodorant	Bagshot Community Recycling Centre https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/aerosols#locator https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/burtsbees-personalcare-	Swift Lane, Bagshot, GU19 5NJ
	Weleda Branded	Weleda (Collection Only)	
	Razors and razor	Apply for freepost envelope from Gillette - https://www.gillette.co.uk/recycle.list	
	Used inhalers	Boots (ask at the pharmacy counter)	
	Expired, unfinished	Boots (ask at the pharmacy counter)	
	Empty blister packs	Boots	
	Candles	By post or drop off points	
	Contact lens packaging	Boots Opticians	
	Used contact lenses	Specsavers	

	Soft, disposable contact lenses (daily, 2 weekly and monthly) Contact lens blister packaging Foil from the contact lens blister packaging	Terracycle (Collection and Drop Off Point) https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/bakery-recycling-uk#@54.39586446195522:-2.83447377734376zoom:5	
		Bayfields Woking (Terracycle Drop Off Point) https://www.terracycle.com	Woking, 35 Commercial Way, GU21 6XR, UK
	Old spectacles	Boots Opticians https://www.boots.com/shopping/boots-recycling-scheme	
		Specsavers	
		Vision Express	
		Sainsbury's	
	Disinfecting solution bottle and cardboard box	Recycle locally https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/acuvue#@51.36748813274009:-	Please recycle locally where possible. The product packaging highlighted above may be recyclable through your local Kerbside service
	Unused hygiene, beauty and personal care products	https://the-lighthouse.info/projects/the-hygiene-bank	
Shed	Light bulbs, including fluorescent tubes	Woking recycling centre https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/community-recycling-centres/woking	
	Small electrical items	If you've bought an electrical item from Primark, Ryman or Robert Dyas, then you can recycle the product you're replacing in store.	
		With kerbside collection- in a bag alongside your black bin	
	Mobile phones	Woking recycling centre https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/community-recycling-centres/woking	
		Various online companies	
	Batteries	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consumer-products-recycling-batteries-and-electrical-waste	
		With kerbside collection- in a bag alongside your green bin	
	Cycle Tyres	Evans Cycles Guildford (and tyres with proof of purchase of new ones)	
	Used bikes	Halfords Guildford (to donate to rural African communities) https://www.halfords.com/bikes/services-advice/re-cycle.html	
		Bike Project Surrey (check drop-off location online) Multiple bike donation charities	

	Tennis balls	Decathlon Guildford	
	Unused or part-used pots of paint	https://www.jointwastesolutions.org/bin-collections/what-do-i-do-with/#	
Bedroom	Plant pots/trays and	Squires Garden Centre - https://www.squiresgardencentres.co.uk/garden-	
	Clothes excluding pillows, duvets and sleeping bags	Kerbside collection in a labelled bag	
		TK Maxx (clothes) linked with Cancer Research UK	
		M&S linked with Oxfam	
		H&M drop off any old clothes and receive a voucher to spend at H&M	
		Oxfam: donate by post	
		Charity Shops – check what can be donated in store or to their warehouse	
	New and used bras	Collected by Sorella hair salon, Knaphill High Street, for Breast Cancer Research	
	Shoes	Clarks (shoes)	
		https://www.clarks.com/en-gb/sustainability/shoeshare	
		Kerbside collection in a labelled bag (must be paired)	
	Sports clothes and	Decathlon Guildford	
	Duvets, pillows, sleeping bags	Dunelm in Farnborough takes them if bagged up.	
		https://www.dunelm.com/stores/farnborough	
		Try calling animal shelters who may be able to use them, see if anyone with pets can use them as bedding.	
Lounge	Books, CDs, Vinyl,	https://www.oxfam.org.uk/shops/oxfam-bookshop-guildford/	
		Other charity shops	
Study	Printer cartridges	Any charity from this list: https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Home	
		Woking community recycling centre	
		Rymans	
		Currys PC World, Guildford	
	Foil balloons, Foil banners/sashes, foil air	Card Factory, 25 Wolsey Way, Woking	25 Wolsey Way, Woking
		Terracycle (Collection only)	
	Used stamps	Take to the local contact for British Hedgehog Preservation Society Judith Doney, 1 Firwood Close, Woking, GU21 8UQ.	
		Woking United Reformed Church (small quantities)	
	Pens, pencils, highlighters, correction fluid, mechanical pencils, felt tips, whiteboard + permanent markers	Terracycle (Collection and Drop Off) https://www.terracycle.com	

Toys	Warhammer, Plastic warhammer sprues/miniatures, empty citadel point pots	Warhammer Woking (Terracycle Drop Off Point Only) https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/warhammer-uk#@51.34848379883541:-0.5613453502929611zoom:12	
	Kinder (all packaging)	Terracycle (Collection and drop off point) https://www.terracycle.com	
		1st West Byfleet Scout Group (Terracycle Drop Off Point)	
	Mattel (covers various)	Mattel playback programme	
	Various	Young Planet app https://www.youngplanet.com/	