

# Introduction of reusable bags for recycling

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Dear resident,

As part of the Council's commitment to reduce single-use plastic, improve the quality of recycling and save money, we are extending our roll out of reusable recycling bags to include your area.

Reusable bags have been successfully trialled with over 2000 households in Monmouthshire since November 2019.

The reusable recycling bags will replace the current single use plastic bags for your weekly recycling collections.

**New bags will be delivered to you during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Collections using the new bags will start week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**Your collection days will stay the same.**

More information will be provided with your bag delivery and some frequently asked questions have been included on the reverse of this letter.

If you need any further information please visit our website or contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Monmouthshire County Council

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why change?

Reusable bags have been successfully trialled with over 2000 households in Monmouthshire since November 2019.

Reusable recycling bags will reduce the amount of single use plastic bags we use, benefiting the environment.

The recycling market prefers to receive the material loose so removing our plastic bags should reduce processing costs. Reusable bags can be used over and over again and so will cost less to supply than the single use plastic bags we currently use.

## How do I use the bags?

Place your clean recycling inside the correct bag. Ensure you use the Velcro seal to close the bag, this means the recycling will stay dry and securely contained. The bags are weighted to avoid them being blown away.

## How many bags will I get?

All households will be delivered one red bag and one purple bag. The bags have been designed to hold two plastic bags worth of recycling each, this means one bag of each colour will be enough for over 90% of our households. Provision can be made for households that produce a larger quantity of recycling.

## How will I know which bag is mine?

There is a box on the bags which we ask all residents to put their house name/number on with permanent marker so they shouldn't get mixed up.

## Will my collection days change?

No, your collection days will stay the same. Please put your waste out before 7am. The time that your waste will be collected can differ week to week.

## I haven't received a bag?

Bags will be delivered the week of 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't received your bags by 26<sup>th</sup> October, please contact us.

## I will struggle to carry the bags, how can you help?

If you have difficulties carrying the bags, please contact us and our recycling officers will be able to help.

## Contact us:

 Visit our website for more information: [www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/reusable-recycling-bags/](http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/reusable-recycling-bags/)



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