



Recycling at Charter Quay

Charter Quay already has a good reputation for recycling. Kingston Council considers us to be the best residential estate in the borough for take up and contamination. Recycling is not only good for the environment but for every landfill bin that is replaced by a recycling bin there is a saving of £300.00 per annum in our service charges. It is estimated 60% of the waste of the average household can be recycled but at the moment less than 50% of waste from our site is being recycled. Here is a guide to help you recycle more on site and some suggestions for other recycling.

Times of Collection and Location of Bins

Recycling bins are available across Charter Quay and are collected on Mondays (Tuesdays when there is a bank holiday) and Thursdays. Each location should have bins for paper, cardboard, glass, tins, plastic bottles and food. Bags for the food can be obtained from the Concierge. Recycling stores are located at

Garricks House by exit to Emms Passage and off lift 3 lobby by the exit to Hogsmill

Ravens House just past Stack and Bonner

Stevens House has three stores: by the arch in the service road, at the rear of the ground floor lobby for flats 31-36 and at the rear of the ground floor lobby for flats 61- 80

Taggs House has a bin store at the rear of its building by the back of Next

If you have any problems getting to the bins or if bins are full please contact the Concierge. Do not leave rubbish on the floor without notifying them.

A Brief Guide to Using Recycling Bins

Before placing in the bins, flatten cardboard, wash bottles and, if possible, crush cans and plastic bottles and please do not leave recycling in bags on the floor. Avoid contaminating the bins. For example don't put your newspapers in a plastic bag, remove metal caps from bottles and only use the council supplied green compostable bags in the food bin.

And remember not all plastics are recyclable.

Plastics that can be recycled – household cleaner and detergent bottles, milk bottles, juice bottles, soft drink and water bottles, shampoo and shower gel bottles.

Plastics that cannot be recycled – yogurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic cups, food trays or wrappings and shopping bags. These should be placed in the general household bins. Actimal bottles, however, can be recycled.

In addition to the regular storage bins there will be a box in the Reception Area for the recycling of ink cartridges (HP, Cannon and Lexmark but not Epsom), which will be sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind, <http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/helpus/fundraisingactivities/recycle/recycleinkjet/?0=>. If you have any other suggestions for recycling please contact the Web Team at web@cgra.org.

Other Non – Recyclable Items

Batteries – these should not be put with household waste but taken to battery collection points – Clas Ohlson, Boots (by lifts on top floor near battery section), M+S, Argos

Shredded paper – the end product from shredded paper is too poor a quality to be reused

Brown Paper Bags – these should go to landfill but brown envelopes can be recycled in the paper bin

Greetings Cards and Wrapping Paper that contain glitter or plastic or other non-paper materials

Plastic laminated paper

Bubble wrap

Polystyrene wrapping

Pyrex glass – this will explode when heated in a glass recycling furnace. If you have broken Pyrex glass, wrap it carefully and put in a normal rubbish bin

Take away food containers – if you cannot reuse, put them with household waste

Tetrapaks – these juice and milk containers have layers of non-cardboard material

Medication – should not be put in bins or poured down the sink as this can result in unwanted chemicals getting into the soil or drinking water – should be taken to the nearest chemist – Boots

Other items that can be recycled elsewhere

Furniture, white goods – see www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/environment/recycling/white_goods_reuseable_furniture.htm. If you have any other large household items they should be taken to the Villiers Road Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (The Tip). Please contact the Concierge if you have any problems.

Clothes – bins at Lady Booth Road, Sainsbury's Richmond Road, local charity shops – Oxfam will give a £5 M+S voucher if an item from M+S is included in donation

Eye glasses – local opticians collected eye glasses to send to Vision Aid Overseas for recycling. Nearest optician operating the scheme is Specsavers in Eden Street.

Brita Water Cartridges – Bentalls, lower ground floor

Bicycles – can be given to various organisations such as Wandsworth Youth Offenders Team's Bike Project. Unwanted or old bicycles can be taken to the Training Centre at Alma Road, SW18 every Thursday between 5 pm and 8pm. The bikes are refurbished and given to victims of crime. For more details contact Rebecca Lynn on 020 8871 5571 or email rlynn@wandsworth.gov.uk. Also Bikeworks in Tower Hamlets have now opened a branch at Little Wormwood Scrubs Adventure Playground in North Kensington. They refurbish bicycles and use them in community projects, give them to community groups and some are sold at affordable prices to the community. Their website is www.bikeworks.org.uk.

All recycling points in the borough can be found at www.kingston.gov.uk/environment/recycling/recycling_sites. If you have a recycling question then let us know, and we will try to research and provide then answer: email web@cgra.org.