

2025 – 2040

Draft Recycling and Waste Strategy for Colchester

The aim of this new draft recycling and waste strategy for Colchester is to reduce the amount of waste we produce as a city, improve and simplify recycling, whilst reducing the cost of collecting waste to support the Council's plan for long-term financial resilience.

This strategy will ensure we are compliant with new Government legislation and will explain how we plan to simplify our services and collect recycling and rubbish for the next 15 years.

We have written the draft strategy so we are clear about how we can make it easier to reduce waste, as well as recycle and reuse more, showing you what we are aiming to do, by when and how.





The key parts of the draft strategy are:

- Design a system that puts waste reduction first.
- Simplify recycling with wheeled bins and recycling boxes.
- Helping people to reduce waste and recycle more.
- Working together to make a better waste system.
- Making sure our collection systems are cost effective.
- Setting targets and aims that will help us reach our goals.

Our five principles are:

- 1** We want to **keep collection costs down**, whilst still providing an excellent service that is easy for residents to use.
- 2** By working together with our community, we will **reduce waste, protect the environment and resources** in Colchester.
- 3** Ensure our collection service is compliant with the new **Government legislation** and focuses on the wellbeing of our crews and community.
- 4** Work to further reduce our impact on the environment, aiming to **reduce waste by 10%** by 2030.
- 5** We aim to meet targets set by Government, but want to go further and aspire to **reuse, recycle or compost** 65% of Colchester's waste by 2035.

WE WANT TO KNOW

what you think...

This will help us to make the right choices and understand what our strategy means for people living in Colchester.

We want to understand whether you think the focus areas and principles in the strategy are the right ones.

If you would like to know more, you can read the full draft recycling and waste strategy.

Complete our survey now and be part of helping us shape our waste strategy for Colchester.

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