



Your guide to disposing of **Sharp items**

Waste collection staff and residents in this area have been injured by sharp items not being disposed of properly.



Broken glass



Knives and blades



Syringes



How to dispose of sharp items

Sharp items can be hazardous to anyone coming into contact with your waste, so it is important that you are aware of the best way to dispose of them.

Knives, blades and non-recyclable broken glass should never be disposed of directly into rubbish bags.



Please wrap broken mirrors and drinking glasses in newspaper and put them in the rubbish.



Small knives like Stanley and hobby knives should be disposed of in a blade disposal case.



Sharp items must be wrapped and taped in plastic or paper or bubble wrap, and placed in a rigid sealed box. This box should be marked as "sharp items" and put in the general waste collection.



Surgical wastes such as syringes should never be put in general waste, and should be disposed of in approved clinical waste sharp bins. [Contact us for a quote.](#)

Where does your waste go?

With all of the different types of waste and recycling in Westminster, you might be wondering what happens to it all. [Download our infographic](#) to visually see where the waste we collect ends up.

Collection times

Use your street name to [find your collection time](#). Remember to only place your waste out at your street's designated collection time.

Contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions about how to dispose of sharp items.

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