

Waste management survey

Answer for your own household and a normal week. Nobody will check your bins, so tell us what really happens.

Street or area

Date

For each statement, tick one box from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

1 Which of these do you keep out of the general trash bin at home? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Paper and card ☐ Plastic ☐ Glass ☐ Cans ☐ Food scraps ☐ Garden waste
☐ None of these

2 How many bags of general trash does your household put out in a typical week?

- ☐ Less than one ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four or more

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE				STRONGLY AGREE
3 I know which items go in the recycling bin where I live.	1	2	3	4	5
4 Sorting my waste at home is easy.	1	2	3	4	5
5 Sorting waste properly is worth the extra effort.	1	2	3	4	5
6 My waste is collected on the days it is supposed to be.	1	2	3	4	5
7 Overall, I am happy with waste collection where I live.	1	2	3	4	5
8 Where do most of your food scraps end up?					
☐ General trash ☐ Collected food bin ☐ Home compost ☐ Fed to animals ☐ It varies					
9 What do you usually do with old batteries, electronics or paint?					
☐ General trash ☐ Drop-off point ☐ Back to a store ☐ Kept at home ☐ Not sure					
10 How often do you bring your own bag, bottle or cup when you go out?					
☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Always					
11 What makes it harder to sort or recycle more at home? (tick all that apply)					
☐ Unsure what goes where ☐ No space for bins ☐ Collection too infrequent ☐ Drop-off too far ☐ Takes too long ☐ Nothing, it is easy					
12 What one change would help your household throw away less or recycle more?					

Optional questions (1 of 2)

Add any of these to the core questions. Keep the numbering running on from page one.

Collection service

13 How often is general trash collected from your home?

- ☐ Twice a week or more ☐ Once a week ☐ Every two weeks ☐ Less often ☐ I take it to a drop-off

14 In the past three months, how many times was a collection missed?

- ☐ Never ☐ Once ☐ 2 or 3 times ☐ 4 or more times ☐ Not sure

STATEMENT	VERY DISSATISFIED				VERY SATISFIED
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15 How satisfied are you with how reports of missed collections are handled?

16 How often do you see overflowing bins or dumped rubbish in your street?

- ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Always

17 How often do you see waste being burned in the open near your home?

- ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Always

18 How would you like to hear about changes to collection days or sorting rules? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Text message ☐ Email ☐ A letter or flyer ☐ An app or website ☐ Social media
☐ A tag on the bin

19 Would you pay a small extra charge for a new service, such as food waste collection?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe, depending on the cost ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Cutting waste at home

20 In a typical week, how much of the food you buy ends up thrown away?

- ☐ Almost none ☐ A little ☐ Some ☐ A lot

21 Which of these have you done in the past month? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Repaired something instead of replacing it ☐ Bought something second-hand
☐ Gave away or sold things I no longer needed ☐ Refilled a container at a store
☐ Chose a product for its lighter packaging ☐ None of these

STATEMENT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT				EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
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22 How important is it to you to cut down on single-use plastic?

Optional questions (2 of 2)

Add any of these to the core questions. Keep the numbering running on from page one.

Waste at school (students answer)

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE				STRONGLY AGREE
23 There are recycling bins wherever I need one at school.	1	2	3	4	5
24 Most students at my school put their waste in the right bin.	1	2	3	4	5
25 What happens to leftover food from lunch at your school?					
☐ It goes in the general trash ☐ It goes in a food waste or compost bin ☐ It is shared or donated					
☐ I do not know					
26 Have you learned about waste and recycling in class this school year?					
☐ Yes, several times ☐ Yes, once ☐ No ☐ Not sure					
27 Which of these would get more students sorting their waste at school? (tick all that apply)					
☐ More bins in the right places ☐ Clearer signs on the bins ☐ A green team or eco club					
☐ A lesson or assembly about it ☐ A competition between classes ☐ Water refill stations					
28 What is one thing our school could do to throw away less?					

About your home (optional)

29 What type of home do you live in?

☐ A house ☐ An apartment or flat ☐ A townhouse or terrace ☐ Other

30 How many people live in your home?

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or 4 ☐ 5 or more

31 Which best describes where you live?

☐ A city ☐ A town or suburb ☐ A village or rural area

Thank you. Your answers are anonymous.

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