

We understand that the glass recycling boxes used to be blue and by default, would come with a cover for the box. We understand this was changed to standard issue black boxes, with no cover issued.

Covers for boxes were issue primarily for red and blue recycling boxes when there was a 2-box system to stop the materials in the box blowing away.

We understand that previously, local residents would be able to order replacement covers via the council website. We understand that covers are no longer issued, and replacements cannot be ordered.

Covers were available, however when the service changed and cans were no longer collected in blue boxes. Red boxes continued to be collected in the city centre and consisted of materials that could blow away (card and plastic).

When did the council stop issuing glass recycling box covers as standard?

Circa May 2015

Why did the council stop issuing glass recycling box covers as standard?

Because the materials collected can not blow away under the service redesign that took place. They do not serve any purpose for securing the box.

When did the council stop allowing covers to be ordered via their website, and refusing to supply replacements for broken or missing box covers?

As above

Why are the covers no longer issued or available for order?

As above

What factors were used in assessing and determining the change in the council's system and to remove glass recycling box covers?

As above

Why were the glass recycling boxes changed from blue with a cover to black without a cover?

The boxes were changed to black as coloured boxes can not have as much recycled content in the box.

Was there a benefit identified in the changes of system and removal of the glass recycling box covers?

They served no purpose and did not allow staff to have a visual inspection of what is in the box to identify any hazards as per the risk assessment.

We would be grateful if you would provide us with information on the following:

Risk assessments for the glass recycling box covers;

Please see attached.

Reports of previous accidents or complaints relating to the glass box covers used by the council.

None recorded

Copies of any documents, reports, meetings or reviews in which the provision of covers for glass recycling boxes was considered; and

We do not hold this information.

Copies of any Bin Reviews addressing or considering the provision of covers for glass recycling boxes was considered.

[We do not hold this information.](#)