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Week one

WINTER 2024

Environment Matters

even more than ever

Welcome



As the final leaves from our magnificent trees are soon completely swept away from our streets, Veolia's recycling collection teams are also gearing up for the busy Christmas period.

Early present buying typically results in additional cardboard recycling coming through our paper and card recycling collections, with more recycling expected over the festive period. It is all part of our year round work, keeping our streets neat and continuing to be London's top recycling borough and we all have a part to play in this.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the revised recycling and waste collection schedules for the festive season, which are outlined inside Environment Matters. Try to recycle as much as you can, including bottles, cans and food waste. Thank you for your support with this. Minimising waste and maximising recycling makes both financial and environmental sense.

I am pleased to share that this winter, as part of our tree planting initiative, we are again planting over 1000 trees, which is tremendous news! If you are interested in this work, why not also consider becoming a Tree Friend, one of the many ways you can be a Friend, with details on our website. Thanks for your support.

Happy Christmas

Councillor Will Rowlands
Executive Councillor for Environment



Unsafe Disposal of Electrical Items Causes Fires

Vapes, electrical items and batteries are extremely flammable and cause fires when crushed inside collection vehicles. This puts our crews, staff at our processing facilities and the public at risk of burns, chemical exposure and smoke inhalation - injuries that can be life-changing.

We have launched a campaign to highlight items that cause fires when disposed of incorrectly.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- **Used vapes** should be taken back to retailers, and **never** placed in household recycling and rubbish bins or on-street litter bins.
- Electrical items with batteries (including hidden batteries), plugs or cables can be recycled, **but** they must be taken to dedicated recycling points. You can find your local recycling point at recycleyourelectricals.org.uk
- **Batteries** can be taken to your local library and supermarkets to be recycled.

Street Friends and Our Nominees

Street Friends help keep our communities neat and tidy. To show our appreciation for their support, we asked residents to nominate a Street Friend who has gone above and beyond to help keep Bromley clean and safe.

We received dozens of responses from residents. Thank you for helping us share our appreciation with these amazing people. To find out more or become a Street Friend visit bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends





Your Waste is Your Responsibility

Let's tackle fly-tipping together

Bromley Council and Veolia are working together, with the support of our Street Friends, to keep the borough clean. Furniture, fridges, mattresses and other household items dumped on streets and alleyways in the borough are fly-tips. This is illegal and we have to stop it together.

If you see anyone dumping rubbish, please report it to us at bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime. Please provide a description of any persons involved, vehicle registration, photograph or any other information which could be used as evidence which could be used as evidence for prosecution.

How to dispose of large household items

- Option one:** Visit your local Reuse and Recycling Centre at Churchfields Road or Waldo Road. Please check the opening hours before you visit.
- Option two:** Book a Bulky Items collection service. Please visit bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems
- Option three:** You can sell or donate online good quality items

Flatten cardboard boxes

Please remove any polystyrene before flattening large cardboard boxes and placing them in your recycling box. This makes it easier for crews to collect.



Snow Friends

Are you prepared for the next snow episode?

With around 500 miles (800km) of roads and 870 miles (1400km) of pavement in the borough, we do our best to ensure Bromley keeps moving during periods of heavy and repeated snowfall. However, we must always prioritise main travel routes and key locations – and this is where our Snow Friends come in! We provide salt, snow scoops and hi-vis vests to residents who want to keep their neighbourhoods safe in wintry weather (free of charge and subject to availability).

Register now at bromley.gov.uk/snowfriends

How Do I? ? ?

Report a missed collection

Please wait until 5pm on your collection day before you report a missed collection at recyclingservices.bromley.gov.uk/waste

Report a fly-tip/dumped rubbish

If you see anyone dumping rubbish illegally make a note of the vehicle's details and any persons involved and report it at bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime

Leave a compliment or make a complaint

Please share your compliments and complaints at bromley.gov.uk/complaintcomplimentsuggestionform

Dispose of bulky Items

- Donate them to your local charity shop.
- Take them to your local Reuse and Recycling Centre.
- Arrange for a retailer to remove and dispose of your unwanted item(s) when delivering new goods.
- Book a Bulky Items collection at bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems



Tips for a zero food waste Christmas

Buy loose

Choose loose fruit and vegetables instead of pre-packaged options. This allows you to buy exactly what you need, as well as cut down on plastic packaging.

Make a list

Before you go shopping, write a list, take it with you and stick to it. Avoid impulse buys and only purchase what you know you will use.

'Use By' or 'Best Before' dates

"Use By" is about safety. Do not use food after its use by date. "Best Before" is about quality. You can still eat the product after its best before date.

Make your meal go further

Use your leftovers to create new meals. Leftover vegetables can become a tasty vegetable soup, and leftover turkey can go into sandwiches and curries. Freezing leftovers can also extend their life.

SITE TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre 2025 upgrades and closure

Due to major infrastructure upgrades, the Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre will be temporarily closed. Works will get underway early in 2025, with the Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre closed from Sunday 2 February, with the site then expected to reopen in 2026.

While Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre is closed, residents can still:

- Visit Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre. A booking system will be introduced to manage demand.
- Garden waste weekend sites will continue to be open. To find out more, please visit bromley.gov.uk and search Garden Waste Temporary Sites.
- Donate items to your local charity shop, if they are in a good condition
- Book a bulky items collection at bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems

For updates on the site closure visit bromley.gov.uk/recycling-sites

Food Waste Recycling is Easy

Recycling your food waste is easy!

✓ Yes, please:

Fruit and veg peelings
Eggshells
Plate scrapings
Mouldy food
Meat and fish bones
Tea bags and coffee grounds

✗ No, thanks:

Plastic bags
Liquids and oils
Packaging
Nappies
Garden Waste

Order a **FREE** kitchen caddy, use compostable liners or newspaper and fill your caddy with food waste.

Scan to order a **FREE** kitchen caddy!

Food waste recycling collections take place every week - it's so easy!



Recycling Heroes

We have visited over 24 primary schools in Bromley to talk about recycling, waste minimisation and how to protect the environment. The programme is completely free. If your school is interested, or would like to find out more, visit bromley.gov.uk/recyclingheroes