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# Environment Matters

even more than ever

## Welcome



### We recycle more than ever but we can do more

For the second year running, Bromley is London's top borough for recycling. Over 48% of our waste was recycled or composted, and we've cut down on waste by 6%. The rest? It's powering homes through energy recovery, with almost nothing going to landfill.

#### Want to do even better? Here are a few easy tips:

- Use your food waste bins – they're collected weekly, so it's very convenient.
- Rinse and squash containers before recycling. It helps keep things clean and makes more room.
- Fold your cardboard boxes – so we can easily collect them.

**Minimising our waste and recycling as much as we can remains crucial, with the financial and environmental benefits this brings. Your support is much appreciated. As a result, we are already London's top recycling borough, recycling almost half our waste.**

The other half of our waste is being sent to an energy recovery facility, with virtually zero waste being sent to landfill. This positive news has been the case for some years now and demonstrates how we are minimising costs and supporting the environment.

The latest annual figures show that the amount of waste produced declined by 6%, which has a welcome impact on waste management costs. If we can do more to reduce our waste still further, this would also help. We can also recycle more, including by using the weekly kitchen waste collection service.

Your support as a resident makes a massive difference in so many ways, which is demonstrably true, on our streets, with the thousands of trees we have in Borough and in our parks as well. Thank you to Street Friends, Tree Friends and Friends of Parks groups, with details of these initiatives available elsewhere in the magazine and online.

**Councillor  
Will Rowlands  
Executive Councillor  
for Environment**



**Bromley's annual environmental campaign, The Big Bromley Brush Up, is back with a fresh look and a fun 'neighbourhood checklist' for everyone to use.**

Bromley prides itself on being the greenest London borough, and thanks to our service providers and wonderful volunteers, it's also clean and tidy. However, with your support, we can make our neighbourhoods even cleaner and greener.

The Big Bromley Brush Up encourages residents to participate in activities such as organising litter-picking events, and inspecting local areas to report anything that needs attention (such as weeds or graffiti). You can raise reports at: [bromley.gov.uk/report](https://bromley.gov.uk/report)

For more information about this initiative and how you can get involved, visit: [bromley.gov.uk/BigBromleyBrushUp](https://bromley.gov.uk/BigBromleyBrushUp)



## Nominate a Street Friend or a Street Friends group

Street Friends are volunteers who organise litter-picking events and help keep their local area clean and tidy. To nominate a Street Friend or a local Street Friends group, for their ongoing support in keeping Bromley free from litter visit:

[bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends](https://bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends)



# Dog fouling is still a problem

One of the most common types of litter is dog fouling.

While most dog owners are responsible, some do not clean up after their pets. Please remember to take a bag with you when you walk your dog. Bags can be placed in any litter bin.

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THE LONDON BOROUGH

Be responsible  
**clean up after your dog**

Do not risk a fixed penalty notice

Bag it and bin it  
bromley.gov.uk/neatstreets

Neat Streets



# Leaf fall season

## Just around the corner

Our Environmental Services provider, Veolia, is preparing for a busy leafing season. Being the greenest borough in London means the leaves of **Bromley's 36,000 trees** need to be collected promptly.

Like every year, the hard-working teams will first visit roads with tree species that lose their leaves in early autumn, before visiting roads with trees that lose their leaves later. This strategic approach helps Veolia manage this challenging and lengthy job.



Last year alone, the team collected:  
**2,000 tonnes of leaves**  
Equivalent to:  
**110 double decker buses**



If you want to help us, become a Street Friend, we will provide you with litter pickers and bags. To find out more visit [bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends](http://bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends)



## Your waste is your responsibility

Our anti fly-tipping campaign 'Your waste is your responsibility' continues this year.

More residents will receive information on how to dispose of their waste responsibly as well as how to report fly-tips online.

Remember to:

- ✓ Report fly-tips at [bromley.gov.uk/report](http://bromley.gov.uk/report)
- ✓ Visit your local **Reuse and Recycling Centre** to dispose of unwanted items
- ✓ Book a **Bulky Items Collection Service** to collect unwanted items from your home for a cost. To find out more visit [bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems](http://bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems)
- ✓ Donate or sell items in a good condition



## Reuse and Recycling Centre

The Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre was 'highly commended' for "Best Civic Amenity Centre of the Year" at the Awards for Excellence this year.

This recognition gives our team the encouragement and motivation to offer an even better service to our residents. The new and improved site offers seven more parking spaces and accepts over 29 different materials making it easier for residents to recycle or reuse unwanted items.

At the weekends the Reuse and Recycling Centres are busy but must still close at the advertised times.

Please check the web camera before visiting and ensure you have proof of ID.

## Never too early to become a Snow Friend

The weather may be warm and the last thing on your mind is snow! But, now is the time to think about setting up a Snow Friends group for your street or neighbourhood if you don't have one already. You will then be well prepared, with plenty of time before winter, to clear your pavements and/or road with salt and snow scoops provided free of charge by Bromley Council (subject to availability). For further details, please visit: [bromley.gov.uk/snowfriends](http://bromley.gov.uk/snowfriends)



## You asked we delivered more recycling roadshows

Thank you to all who came to our roadshows this summer. Hundreds of residents visited our stall and talked to Veolia recycling experts, played the recycling "Spin the Wheel" game and some even won prizes. But our work does not stop there! We are organising more events in different areas of the borough for those who could not travel to Bromley Centre.

### Let's talk about Recycling

**Penge: Friday 27 September, outside Blenheim Centre, 11am - 2pm**

**West Wickham: Friday 25 October, Opposite Barclays, 11am - 2pm**

### Recycle your plastics

#### Do recycle

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic pots and trays



#### Do not recycle

- Cling film
- Crisp packets
- Sweet wrappers



### Glass bottles and jars

**You can recycle** your glass bottles and jars again and again. Remember to put your empty bottles in your green box or take them to the Reuse and Recycling Centre.



# FIVE

## easy ways to reduce waste

### 1 Make second-hand your first choice for clothes

Fast fashion has a negative impact on the environment, as it uses vast amounts of water and energy and produces carbon emissions.



### 2 Say "No" to single-use

Single-use items often end up as waste. Avoid excessive food packaging by buying loose fruit and veg, and swap your shower gel for soap.



### 3 Upcycle a piece of furniture

Give new life to a tired piece of furniture with some upcycling. Upcycling saves money and resources, plus it's fun and creative.



### 4 Give a gift that keeps on giving

Subscriptions, donations and sponsorship are a great way to share the love without creating unnecessary waste.



### 5 Make a list before you shop

Reduce your food waste by making a list and only buying what you need.

