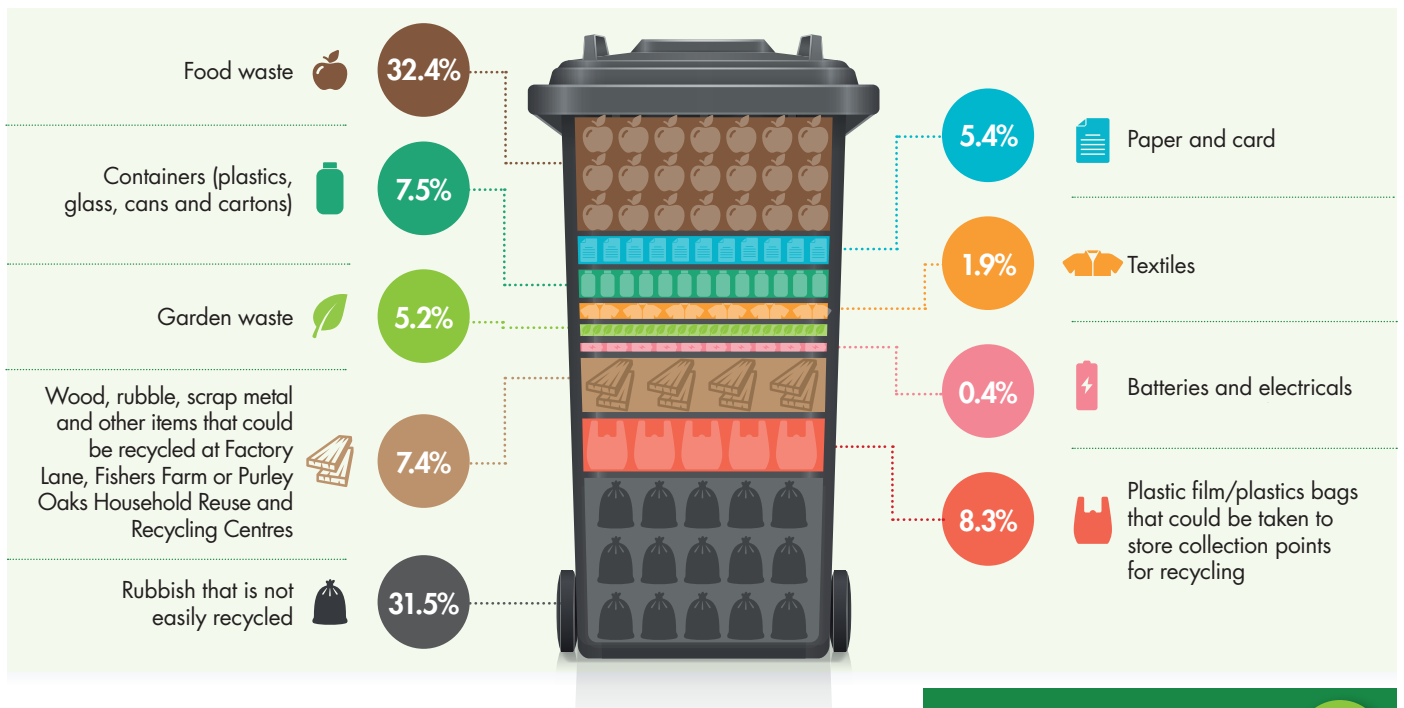


RECYCLING NEWS



New study finds over half the contents of Croydon rubbish bins could have been recycled!



New research has shown that 53% of the waste in Croydon's rubbish bins could have been recycled using existing recycling collections.

Food waste is the biggest culprit, making up almost a third of the average bin, meaning that if Croydon households recycled their food waste using the food waste collection service, almost £3 million per year could be saved in disposal costs, helping to support other local services. It's easy to start recycling your food waste: simply order a caddy through the council website free of charge (croydon.gov.uk) and check out page 2 for all the items you can recycle.

Additionally, if residents took recyclable items to the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre and took advantage of in-store take back schemes at supermarkets (such as plastic bag and film recycling), only a third of the bin would actually need to be disposed of. If Croydon residents could maximise their recycling efforts there would be a significant impact on increasing recycling tonnage and conserving natural resources. Let's all do our bit to recycle as much as possible in 2023!

Find out what happens to your recycling (where it's taken and what it's turned in to) at: slwp.org.uk/destination-recycling





What goes where?

Stick me on your fridge so that you can refer to this helpful recycling information year-round! Share your fridge selfie with us on Twitter @yourcroydon so we can retweet and share our borough's fantastic recyclers.

The table below summarises the two collection services received by the vast majority of properties in the borough. Containers and collection frequencies may differ for some flats and houses with no frontage.

Visit croydon.gov.uk/recycling if you're unsure.

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Paper and card		Container	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspapers and magazines Card and cardboard Toilet/kitchen roll tubes Egg boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No plastic bags No food and drink cartons No tissues No shiny or glittery wrapping paper 	<p>Houses Collected every 2 weeks</p>	<p>Flats</p> <p>Paper and card must be clean and dry</p>
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View and download your 2023 collection calendar by using the postcode search tool at croydon.gov.uk/recycling. If you're on a mobile device, use your camera to scan the QR code (right). If you're not online, pop into a local library to access a computer.



How to let us know if there's a problem

	My collection was missed	Go to croydon.gov.uk/recycling and fill in your address and the material which was missed. Our crews will then be alerted to return to collect.
	There's fly-tip down the road	Report it at croydon.gov.uk/flytipping and our crews will visit the location to remove the fly-tip. You can also report them easily using the Love Clean Streets App , available for both iOS and Android.
	There's an overflowing street litter bin	Report it at croydon.gov.uk/litterbin and our crews will empty it.
	I want to visit the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (HRC)	Find out more information about where they are and what you can recycle here: croydon.gov.uk/hrrc
	I want to make a complaint or leave a compliment	Fill out the form at croydon.gov.uk/complaints

REUSE SHOP AT FISHERS FARM HRC

Do you love a bargain? Shoppers at the Community Reuse Shop at Fishers Farm know they're getting a good deal on their pre-loved items.

Lots of items have been expertly refurbished, including bikes and electrical items such as TVs. Why not take a visit and snap up new items for your home? You could find low cost treasures, whilst saving items from disposal.

The shop is open **9am - 3.45pm on Fridays, 9am - 1pm on Saturdays, and 9am - midday on Sundays.**

The Community Reuse Shop at Fishers Farm can be found on North Downs Road, New Addington, CR0 0LB.



CHOOSE TO REUSE

Croydon residents have helped to make the local Freegle community the largest and most active in the UK!

Thousands of residents have listed items for free and passed them on to someone locally, and all for free.

Check out ilovefreegle.org to list any items you no longer need, or alternatively put up a 'wanted' post and see if someone has just what you're looking for.



Be flexible with your recycling

Did you know that flexible plastic (things like single-use carrier bags, crisp packets, bread bags, sweet wrappers and film) can now be recycled at your local supermarket?

Every year in the UK we generate **311,000 tonnes** of flexible plastic waste. **Only 6% of that is recycled.** Although it may not weigh much, this flexible plastic waste makes a big contribution to your personal carbon footprint (when your general waste is treated at the

Beddington energy from waste facility, it is the plastic items that are the main source of carbon dioxide emissions). So keeping all types of plastic out of your general waste bin is a great way of helping the planet.

You can't recycle flexible plastics using the Council's collection service. But there are now flexible plastic recycling points located in supermarkets across the borough. Keep an eye out the next time you're in your local shop or use the postcode search tool at recyclenow.com/repeatthecycle to locate your nearest collection point.



Christmas and New Year collections

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Factory Lane, Fishers Farm and Purley Oaks Household Reuse and Recycling Centre opening hours

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'Tis the season to recycle



Christmas is a time of year when we tend to generate more household waste than usual. Here's a couple of festive tips to help you recycle as much as you can!

Electronics are popular at Christmas, both as presents and decorations, like fairy lights, but make sure any unwanted electrical items are disposed of correctly at your local Household Reuse and Recycling Centre, rather than in your general waste bin, which could cause fires.

Reduce food waste this Christmas!

Plan what you need in advance and get creative with leftovers. Visit lovefoodhatewaste.com for inspiration. Any unavoidable food waste can be recycled in your food waste caddy. Don't have a caddy? Order one here: croydon.gov.uk/recycling

Christmas tree collections

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Remember to remove all decorations, pots etc. Put your tree close to the front boundary of your property, visible to collection crews and so it won't block the pavement. If you live in a flat, put your tree outside the bin store but don't block access to it.

Alternatively you can:

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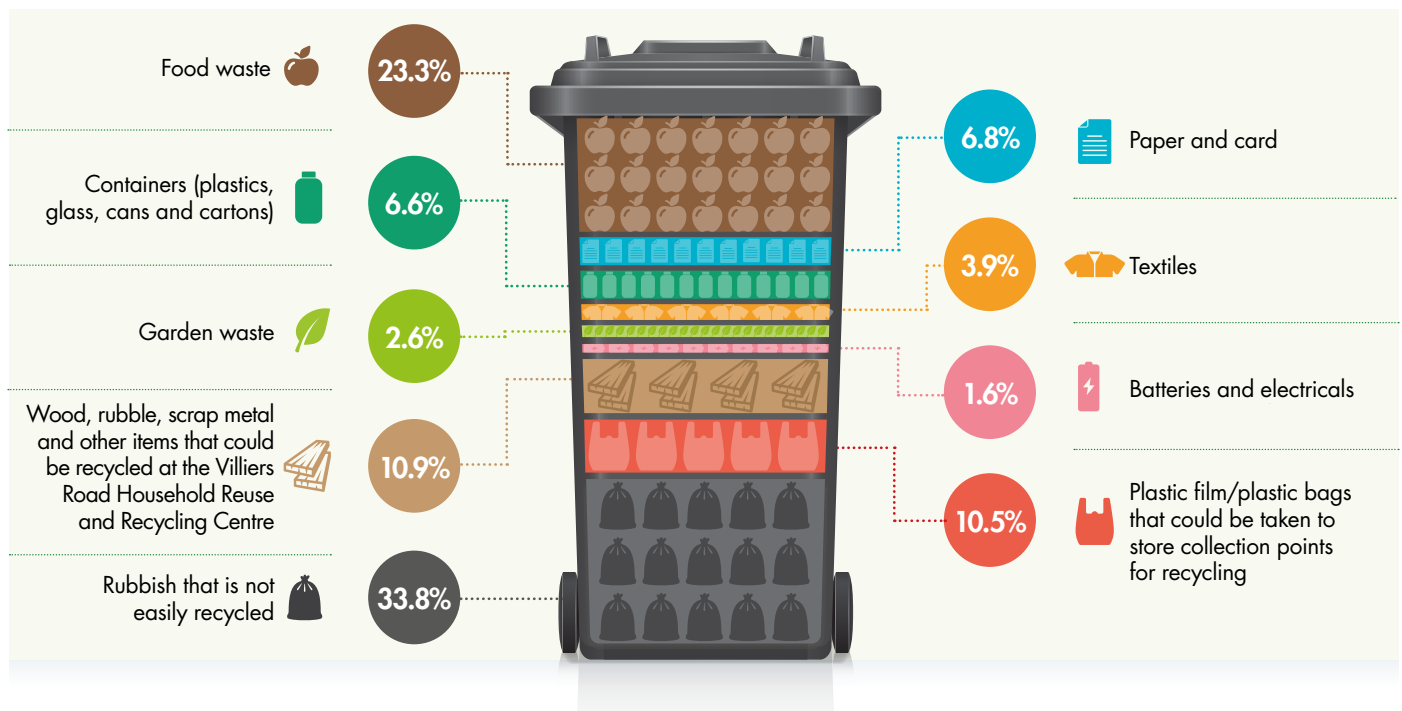


RECYCLING NEWS



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KINGSTON
UPON THAMES

This is what's in the average rubbish bin in Kingston. How does yours measure up?



We recently carried out a detailed analysis of the rubbish and recycling that is collected from households across the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

The key finding was that almost half (44.8%) of the items that are in a typical Kingston rubbish bin could have been recycled using the Council's doorstep recycling collection service. **Food waste was the biggest culprit, making up almost a quarter (23.3%) of the average bin.**

A further 10.9% of the waste could have been recycled at the Villiers Road Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (such as wood, rubble, scrap metal, soil and plasterboard) and another 10.5% was plastic film that could have been recycled via collection points in local shops.

Just one-third (33.8%) of the average Kingston rubbish bin is truly non-

recyclable. So, whilst Kingston may be one of the best boroughs in London for recycling (with a recycling rate of 47.6%) the results of this study shows how much better we could be doing.

How does your bin compare? Could you be doing more to reduce the amount of recyclable items that end up in your rubbish bin?

Turn to page 2 to find out how to use your recycling collection service to its full potential. Don't forget that recycling doesn't stop in the kitchen - please remember to recycle items from around the home.

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...where you can also report a missed collection and find detailed information about your collection service, including a full list of what you can and can't recycle.

Service types

The table below summarises the two collection services received by the vast majority of properties in the borough. Containers and collection frequencies may differ for some flats and houses with no front garden.

Visit kingston.gov.uk/recycling for details or call 020 8547 5002 if you're unsure.

What goes where?

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'Tis the season to recycle

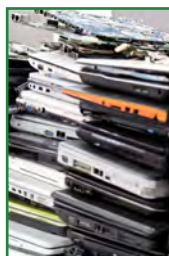
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Make a list and check it twice

Plan what Christmas gifts and food you need in advance and only buy what you need to help reduce unnecessary waste. Put leftovers to good use by getting creative in the kitchen - visit lovefoodhatewaste.com for inspiration.



WEEE three kings

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Our finest gifts we bring

Rather than buying a gift, make your own to save on waste and cash - bake some Christmas cookies, knit a scarf or create a natural Christmas decoration from foliage like holly or mistletoe.



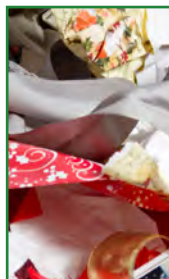
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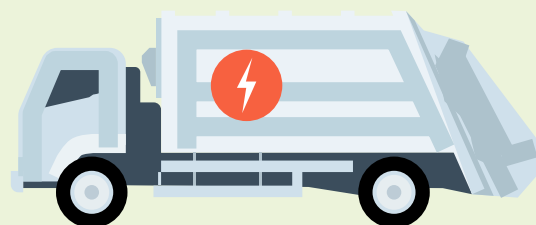
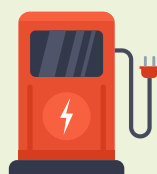
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New electric collection vehicles for 2023!

Keep an eye out in 2023 for our new electric refuse collection vehicles (eRCVs). Powered by lithium-ion batteries, they will help improve Kingston's air quality and cut our carbon emissions, leading the way towards carbon neutrality and the Council's target of net-zero carbon by 2030. Powering all vehicles from the grid will remove 9,652 tonnes of CO₂ from the atmosphere in the period 2023-2030, which is equivalent to taking 658 cars off the road every year.

The narrower vehicles will collect one material at a time (unlike the existing recycling vehicles which have two chambers and collect food waste on one side and recycling on the other). These single chamber vehicles are more efficient as the vehicle does not need to tip when only one side is full. This means you may notice your food bin is collected at a slightly different time of the day to your recycling.





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Remember that you now need to book ahead before you visit the HRRC.

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Christmas tree collections

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RECYCLING & WASTE NEWS

What's in your rubbish?

We recently carried out a detailed analysis of the rubbish and recycling that is collected from households across Merton.

The key finding was that more than half (54.4%) of the items that are in a typical Merton rubbish bin could have been recycled using the council's free doorstep recycling collection service. Food waste was the biggest culprit, making up more than a quarter (26.4%) of the average bin.

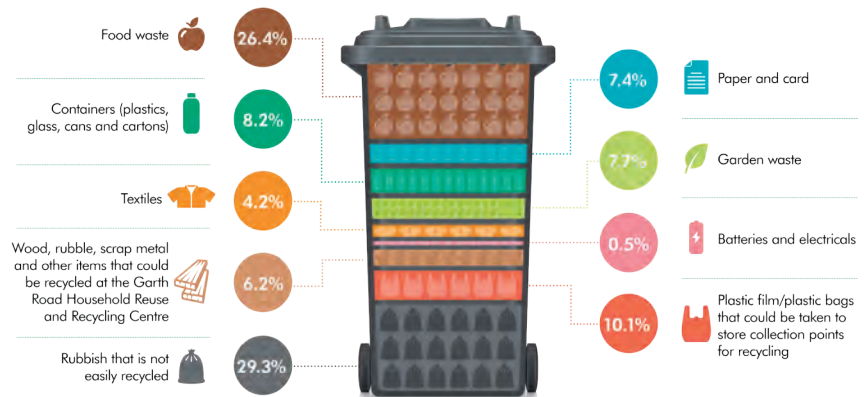
A further 6.2% of the waste, such as wood, rubble and scrap metal, could have been recycled at the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre in Morden and another 10.1% was plastic film that could have been recycled via collection points in local shops.

Merton may be one of the best boroughs in London for recycling (with a recycling rate of 40.8%), but the results of this study shows how much more could be done.

How does your bin compare? Could you be doing more to reduce the amount of recyclable items that end up in your rubbish bin? Turn the page to find out how to use your recycling collection service to its full potential.

And don't forget that recycling doesn't stop in the kitchen! Please remember to recycle items from around the home. ♥

This is what's in the average rubbish in Merton. How does yours measure up?



♥

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD (29.3%) OF WHAT'S IN THE AVERAGE MERTON RUBBISH BIN IS TRULY NON-RECYCLABLE

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Kerbside collection service

FOOD WASTE

Collected every week



Yes please



All cooked and uncooked food



Dairy products: cheese and eggs



Fruit and vegetable peelings

Line your indoor kitchen caddy with compostable liners or old newspaper (no plastic)

PAPER & CARD

Collected alternate weeks



Yes please



Newspapers and magazines



Card and cardboard



Toilet and kitchen roll tubes

Flatten down large cardboard boxes before putting them in the bin.

PLASTICS, GLASS, CANS & CARTONS

Collected alternate weeks



Yes please



Plastic bottles



Plastic pots, tubs, trays etc.



Glass jars and bottles

Empty and rinse all containers. Squash plastic bottles. Remove film lids from plastic

RUBBISH

Collected every two weeks



Yes please



Non-recyclable rubbish



Dirty cardboard



Plastic bags and film

Only rubbish placed in this wheelie bin (with the lid closed) will be collected.

TEXTILES & SHOES

Collected every week



Yes please



Clothes and linen. Shoes (tied together)

Place in a tied plastic carrier bag next to or on top of your bins.

BATTERIES

Collected every week



Yes please



Household batteries

Place in an untied plastic carrier bag.

at a glance



Tea bags and coffee grounds



Meat and fish bones

✗ No thanks

- Plastic bags
- Packaging
- Oil or liquids
- Nappies



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merton.gov.uk/recycling

A helping hand

The council's website is full of useful information. So, if you're not sure how to book to visit our Household Reuse and Recycling Centre in Garth Road, Morden, report a missed bin collection, let us know about dumped rubbish or an overflowing bin, visit

merton.gov.uk/LoveMerton

stic bags).



Egg boxes



Junk mail and catalogues

✗ No thanks

- Dirty cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes)
- Shredded paper (unless placed in a paper bag or envelope)
- Tissues and paper towels
- Food and drink cartons (place in your recycling box)
- Wrapping paper which doesn't pass scrunch test or is glittery



Cans, tins, aerosols and tin foil



Food and drinks cartons

✗ No thanks

- Plastic bags
- Plastic film
- Crisp packets
- Hard plastics (toys etc)
- Polystyrene

stic pots, tubs and trays.



Polystyrene



Nappies (in a tied bag)

✗ No thanks

- Anything recyclable
- Electrical items
- Hazardous waste
- DIY waste
- Gas bottles
- Batteries

✗ No thanks

- Duvets
- Pillows and cushions
- Curtains
- Car batteries

COMMUNAL FLATS

Collected every week



FOOD WASTE



RECYCLING



RUBBISH

'Tis the season to recycle



Courtesy: HDD | Pixabay.com

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Finally, make it a New Year's resolution to recycle more and waste less in 2023.

Christmas tree disposal

Free kerbside collection:

Put your tree out by 6am on Monday 9 January 2023 and it will be collected as soon as possible. We aim to recycle as many trees as possible.

- Remove all decorations, pots etc.
- Place it close to the front boundary of your property, visible to collection crews but not blocking the pavement. If you live in a flat, put your tree outside your bin store but don't block access.
- Alternatively, you can leave your tree next to your rubbish bin on your collection day. However, it will not be recycled.

Free recycling service:

To guarantee your tree is recycled, take it to the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre in Garth Road, Morden and place it in the garden waste container.

Alternatively, chop it up to create a winter shelter for animals in your garden or add it to your compost heap.



What Merton is doing to combat fly-tipping

Keeping Merton's streets clean is a top priority for the council. Over the last five years, we have seen the level of fly-tipping almost double, with an estimated cost of £1million to the public purse.

Earlier this year, the council used its resources to clear the dumped rubbish along Willow Lane in Mitcham. This type of work takes time and money – money we would rather be spending on services that benefit the whole borough, such as our parks and open spaces.

The work on the Willow Lane site took a full fortnight to complete. First, a road closure was undertaken to clear the easy-to-reach items, with our service teams from idverde clearing over two tonnes of fly-tipped material on the first day alone.

A second closure was then required for specialist lifting equipment and vehicles to

remove harder-to-reach contaminated waste. The waste was disposed of at the Beddington Lane waste-transfer facility daily, using an eight-wheel grab lorry.

A fence has been erected along Willow Lane to ensure no further fly-tipping takes place now that the clearance is complete.

In total, our teams cleared circa 23 tonnes of dumped rubbish, with the total costs coming to over £17,000.

We know it is only a small minority of people dumping rubbish in Merton and we have a number of CCTV cameras across the borough to catch those involved. But we need the help of our residents to identify these culprits.

Residents can tune in to our monthly Wall of Shame episodes on YouTube, where we post footage of people illegally dumping rubbish on our streets. If you live in Merton, take a look and help catch these criminals.

You can also help us to bring the fly-tippers who blight our borough to justice by reporting information about a fly-tip or fly-tipper anonymously on our website. Watch Wall of Shame videos [youtube.com/MertonCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/MertonCouncil)

NITROUS OXIDE CANISTERS ARE NO LAUGHING MATTER



A public information campaign is about to launch across south London to raise awareness of nitrous oxide canisters and their impact on waste management. The campaign is being run by Viridor, the company that operates the Beddington Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), where non-recyclable rubbish from across the borough is taken for treatment.

In recent months thousands of 'creamer canisters' have ended up at the Beddington ERF, mixed in with household rubbish. The nitrous oxide, or laughing gas, they contain is intended for use in the catering industry but is also increasingly being used for recreational purposes. Aside from the serious health risks of taking laughing gas, the canisters it is stored in can also cause major damage to waste treatment facilities, present a potential safety risk to staff and have the potential to cause disruption to local waste collection services. Viridor's Leave it Out campaign, featuring Noxie the naughty nitrous oxide canister, will raise awareness of the issues.





Your Christmas recycling and rubbish collections

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Please put your bins out by 6am on your collection day

Your collections will return to normal from Monday 16 January 2023.

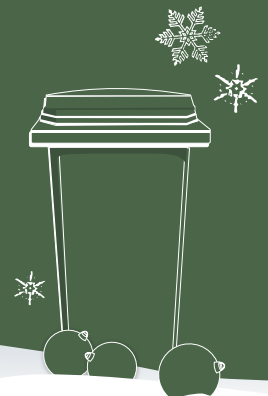
Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (HRRC) in Morden

The HRRC will be open 8am–4pm, Monday–Sunday over the festive period with the following exceptions: Christmas Eve – 8am–midday.

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day – Closed.

Booking is essential ahead of your visit. Book: merton.gov.uk/amenity

Christmas tree collection and recycling information can be found in your Recycling & Waste News inside.

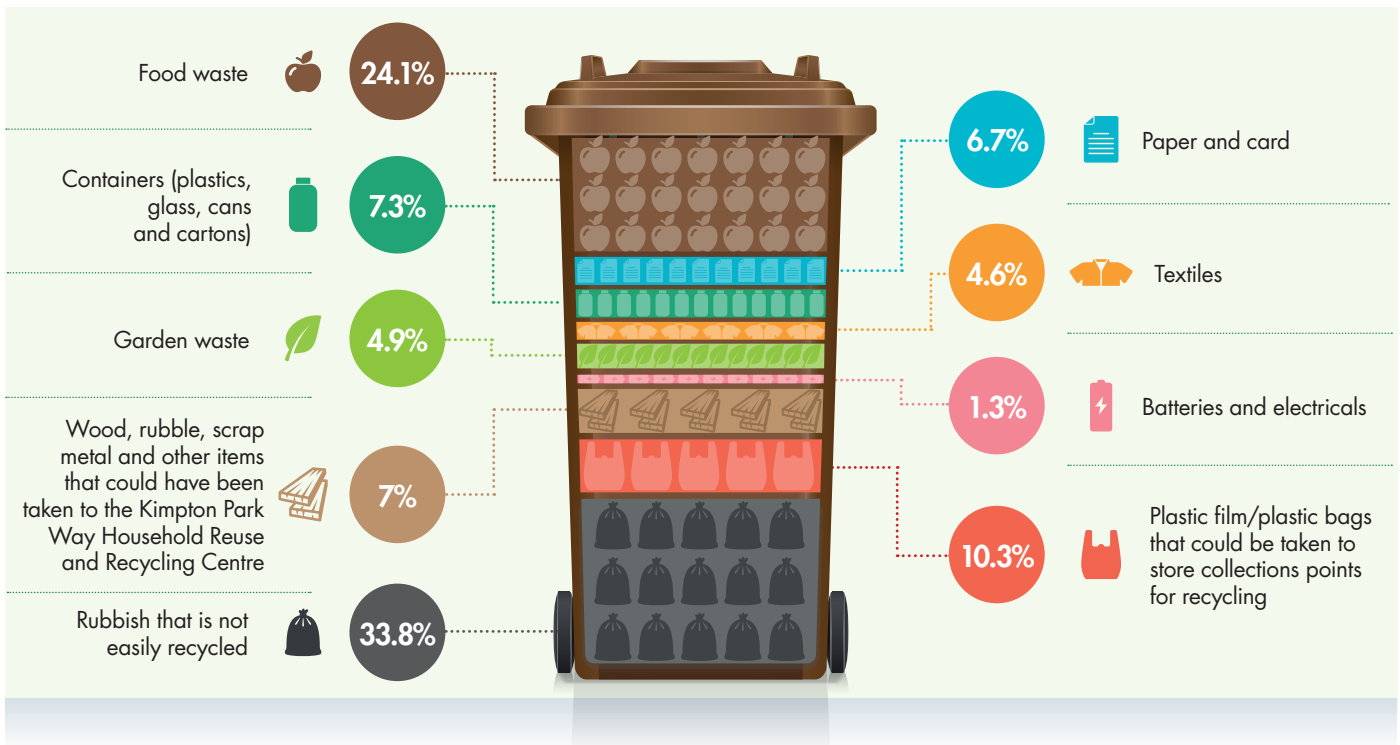




RECYCLING NEWS



Half of an average Sutton rubbish bin could be recycled! How does yours measure up?



We recently carried out a detailed analysis of the rubbish and recycling that is collected from households across our borough.

The key finding was that almost half (48.9%) of the items that are in a typical rubbish bin in Sutton could have been recycled using the Council's doorstep recycling collection service. Food waste was the biggest culprit, making up almost a quarter (24.1%) of the average bin.

A further 7% of the waste could have been recycled at the Kimpton Park Way Household Reuse and Recycling Centre

(such as wood, rubble and scrap metal) and another 10.3% was plastic film that could have been recycled via collection points in local shops.

Just one-third (33.8%) of the average Sutton rubbish bin is truly non-recyclable. So, whilst Sutton may be one of the best boroughs in London for recycling (with a recycling rate of 46.1%) the results of this study shows how much better we could be doing.

How does your bin compare? Could you be doing more to reduce the amount of recyclable items that end up in your rubbish bin?

Turn to page 2 to find out how to use your recycling collection service to its full potential. And don't forget that recycling doesn't stop in the kitchen! Please remember to recycle items from around the home.

Find out what happens to your recycling (where it's taken and what it's turned in to) at: slwp.org.uk/destination-recycling

Your 2023 collection calendar

View and download your personalised 2023 collection calendar. Use the Check your bin collection days tool at sutton.gov.uk/recycling

... where you can also report a missed collection and find detailed information about your collection service, including a full list of what you can and can't recycle.

























Service types

The table below summarises the two collection services received by the vast majority of properties in the borough.

Containers and collection frequencies may differ for some flats and houses with no front garden.

Visit sutton.gov.uk/recycling for details.

What goes where?

Food waste	Container						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All cooked and uncooked food ✓ Dairy products: cheese and eggs ✓ Fruit and vegetable peelings ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds ✓ Meat and fish bones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No plastic bags (use compostable liners or newspapers to line your caddy) ✗ No nappies 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Houses</th> <th>Flats</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Collected every week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Houses	Flats	Collected every week			
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Paper and card	Container						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Newspapers and magazines ✓ Card and cardboard ✓ Toilet/kitchen roll tubes ✓ Egg boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No plastic bags ✗ No food and drink cartons ✗ No tissues ✗ No wrapping paper (which doesn't pass the "scrunch test" or is glittery) 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Houses</th> <th>Flats</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Collected every 2 weeks</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; color: white; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Paper and card must be clean and dry </div>	Houses	Flats	Collected every 2 weeks			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Non-recyclable rubbish ✓ Food-stained cardboard (i.e. dirty pizza boxes) ✓ Plastic bags and film ✓ Polystyrene ✓ Nappies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No recycling or food waste ✗ No electrical items or batteries ✗ No gas canisters 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Houses</th> <th>Flats</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Collected every 2 weeks</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Houses	Flats	Collected every 2 weeks			
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What should I do if...

My collection was missed	Go to sutton.gov.uk/recycling and fill in your address and the material which was missed. Our crews will then be alerted to return to collect.
There's a fly-tip down the road	Report it at sutton.gov.uk/flytipping and our crews will visit the location to remove the fly-tip.
There's an overflowing street litter bin	Report it at sutton.gov.uk/report and our crews will empty it.
I want to visit the Kimpton Park Way Household Reuse and Recycling Centre	Book an appointment at sutton.gov.uk/hrrc
I want to make a complaint or leave a compliment	Fill out the form at sutton.gov.uk/-/make-a-complaint-or-leave-feedback

'Tis the season to recycle

Christmas is a time of year when we tend to generate more household waste than usual.

But with a little planning and thought, there are lots of ways you can reduce your environmental impact without missing out on any of the fun. Here are a few top tips (and a festive playlist) to help you have a Green Christmas:



Make a list and check it twice

Plan what Christmas gifts and food you need in advance and only buy what you need to help reduce unnecessary waste. Put leftovers to good use by getting creative in the kitchen - visit lovefoodhatewaste.com for inspiration.



WEEE three kings

New electronics are popular at Christmas, but make sure any waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is disposed of correctly at the Kimpton Park Way HRRRC, rather than in your general waste bin, which could cause fires.



Our finest gifts we bring

Rather than buying a gift, make your own to save on waste and cash - bake some Christmas cookies, knit a scarf or create a natural Christmas decoration from foliage like holly or mistletoe.



The very next day, you gave it away

We all receive unwanted gifts at times, so why not donate them to a charity shop, or to people in your local community using a free online service such as Freegle ilovefreegle.org



Chestnuts roasting

Go cold turkey on putting food waste in your rubbish bin this Christmas. Remember to recycle all of your meat and fish bones, vegetable peelings, plate scrapings (and chestnut shells) using your weekly food waste collection service.



All we want for Christmas... is for you to recycle

At this time of year, try to choose recyclable wrapping paper - try the scrunch test! If crumpled paper keeps its shape then it can be recycled. If it bounces back or has glitter on, it needs to go in the rubbish bin.



Wasting too much food? Stop wasting, start saving

Did you know that the average family in the UK could save £720 a year by saving food from the bin? The cost of living crisis is affecting us all and one of the easiest ways to save money is reducing food waste. Check out our top tips to help you stop wasting two of the most commonly discarded food items and to start saving money:

- Bread is best stored in its original packaging in a cupboard, bread bin or freezer. Avoid storing it in the fridge as this can make the bread go stale more quickly.
- Potatoes can be stored in the fridge to keep them fresh for up to three weeks longer than if stored in the cupboard.

For more hints and tips on how to reduce food waste, and save money, visit: lovefoodhatewaste.com

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Christmas and New Year collections



Recycling and waste collections will change over the festive season:

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Kimpton Park Way Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (HRRC) opening hours

The HRRC will be open normal hours (9am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday / 9am - 2pm Sunday) over the festive period with the following exceptions:

Christmas Eve:

9am - midday

Christmas Day:

Closed

Boxing Day:

Closed

New Year's Day:

Closed

Remember that you now need to book ahead before you visit the HRRC.

Please visit sutton.gov.uk/hrrc to book your time slot.



Christmas tree collections

Want your real Christmas tree to be collected? Put it out by **6.00am on Monday 9 January 2023** and it will be collected as soon as possible.

Remember to remove all decorations, pots etc. Put your tree close to the front boundary of your property, visible to collection crews and so it won't block the pavement. If you live in a flat, put your tree outside the bin store but don't block access to it.

Alternatively you can:

- Take your tree to be composted at the HRRC
- Leave it next to your rubbish bin on your collection day (it will not be recycled)
- Chop it up to create a winter shelter for animals in your garden or add it to your compost heap

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