

Waste and recycling collection changes

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From Monday 15 October we will be making changes to our waste and recycling collections.

This will result in 70 per cent of residents having their day of collection changed and 40 per cent of people will find the colour bin they need to put out will also change.

Personalised letters have been sent to every household this week explaining the changes and outlining the new collection arrangements. A collection calendar has also been included on the back of the letter to help people manage the changes.

If anyone reports to you that they have not had a letter then please could you direct them to our online bin look-up service [here](#) where they can find out the details of their new collection arrangements or they can email Wychavon@fccenvironment.co.uk or call 01386 565018.

Our garden waste customers (brown bin) should note that these will now be collected on the same day as their recycling (green bin).

Why are we making these changes?

We have introduced these changes due to the increase in new housing across the district and increased travelling times for our collection vehicles to the energy from waste plant in Hartlebury. The changes will allow us to increase efficiency by eliminating unnecessary journeys.

Good news! Residents can now recycle more from the kerbside

The changes have allowed us to increase the number of items residents can recycle from the kerbside. From 15 October people will be able to recycle household batteries, textiles and small electrical items by placing them out on the same day as their black bin collection.

The reason we are asking people to recycle these items on their black bin week is to avoid any potential confusion with items that are recycled via their green bin. Batteries, textiles and electrical items require a separate recycling process to paper, glass, plastic etc and if they were to accidentally be put in the green bin they could cause difficulties at the recycling facility at Norton and pose a fire hazard.

Please be assured these items will be recycled even though we are asking people to put them out on their black bin week, as there will be separate cages attached to the collection vehicles to store them in.

To recycle these items via the kerbside collection people must:

- Ensure batteries are placed in a small clear tied bag (eg a sandwich bag although they could also use a clear used bread bag) and put on top of

their bin or out with their sacks if on a sack collection. They must be in a bag so they don't cause a trip hazard and don't fall through the cage on the collection vehicle.

- Textiles (such as trousers, skirts, jumpers, t-shirts, shirts, bed sheets and towels) must be placed in a carrier bag and put out with sacks or the side of the black bin. They must be stored in a bag to prevent them from getting dirty or wet which would make them unsuitable for recycling. Stuffed items such as pillows, duvets and quilts cannot be accepted through this scheme. We would encourage people to donate any good quality clothing or textiles to charity shops. Residents can use [this handy charity shop locator](#) to find their nearest one.
- Small electrical items (toaster, hairdryer, curling tongs, kettles etc) can be placed on top of the black bin or out with sacks.

For more detailed information about the changes click [here](#).

We appreciate that for many this will be a change in routine and potentially cause a bit of confusion but hopefully this will only be short-term.

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