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See inside for your new recycling and waste collection calendar.



Dear Resident

It's just over a year since the start of 'Recycle for Staffordshire Moorlands', the new enhanced recycling, composting and waste collection service. As you will have read in the local press, Recycle for Staffordshire Moorlands has been a triumph and that's all down to you, the residents of the Moorlands. Thank you for helping to make it a success!

Our recycling rate for 2006/07 was 35% but with the new services launched during September 2007, the recycling rate for 2007/08 rose to 52.87%. The figures for 2008/09 already show our recycling rate at 63%, putting the Moorlands amongst the best recyclers in the country.

The figures show the scheme to be a success but it's not all about figures; participation rates and satisfaction with the service has increased too. In a 2008 survey, 87% of residents stated that the new service was 'good' or 'excellent' and participation in the recycling and composting services has increased from 48% to 82%.

We believe the success is down to the fact that we responded to what residents wanted and that the service is easy to use. Consultation showed us that residents wanted to recycle plastics and cardboard from home, so these items were a key priority.

It was also important to try to reduce the amount of food waste sent for disposal, as this makes up 23% of all the waste we collect from homes. By collecting glass, cans and plastics in the same bin fewer containers are needed, and we hope you'll agree the information provided is simple to follow.

The range of materials we can accept has changed slightly, so please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the new lists of acceptable materials. It is important that only those items listed as acceptable are placed in the bins / bags as any contamination could ruin a whole collection load.

A new calendar of collection dates for the coming year is included in this leaflet.

Please keep on doing your bit and help to get Staffordshire Moorlands named as the best at recycling in the country!



Yours faithfully

**Councillor
Arthur Forrester**
*Portfolio Holder for
Environment*

recycling



Grey bin

yes please

- Glass bottles & jars
- Food tins and drinks cans
- Plastic bottles
- Yoghurt pots and margarine tubs
- Plastic food trays, fruit punnets
- Foil food trays & aluminium baking foil
- Empty aerosol cans



no thanks

- Drinks cartons & Tetra pak
- Cling film & other plastic wrap
- Plastic bags • Plant pots
- Drinks glasses and pyrex cookware
- Lids from glass bottles or jars

Please rinse all tins, cans, bottles, tubs and trays before recycling; this will help to keep your bin clean and enable the materials to be recycled.

Please do not include other plastic items such as bread bags and plastic wrapping as these cannot be recycled on our scheme and may lead to a whole collection load being rejected.

Please do not put recyclables inside sacks or carrier bags, just put them in the bin clean and loose.

Clear recycling bag

yes please

- Newspapers / magazines
- White office paper (including shredded paper)
- Junk Mail
- Brochures
- Catalogues
- Telephone directories including Yellow Pages



Please remove all plastic wrapping from junk mail.

no thanks

- Cardboard
- Greetings cards
- Drinks cartons & Tetra pak

Textile recycling bag

yes please

- Clothes & paired shoes
- Bags & Belts
- Bed linen & Towels



no thanks

- Duvets & Pillows • Soiled clothing

Please ensure that textiles & shoes for recycling are clean and tied securely in the bag to keep them dry.

composting



Brown bin

yes please

- Grass cuttings • Weeds
- Hedge prunings
- Egg shells & boxes
- Tea bags/coffee grounds
- Vegetable & fruit peelings
- Meat, fish & bones
- Cooked & uncooked food waste
- Cardboard food packaging/flattened boxes i.e cereal packets
- Vegetarian animal bedding or pet litter (rabbit, guinea pig, and hamster)



no thanks

- Drinks cartons & Tetra pak
- Foil or plastic lined card • Large branches
- Glass, plastic or metal • General rubbish
- Flower pots & seed trays • Soil or rubble
- Cat or dog litter or faeces • Coal or ash

Whilst food waste can still be wrapped in newspaper, the composting company we work with has approved a range of paper liners.

The liners are available to purchase in participating local shops, by telephoning 01392 346307 or visiting www.paperliners.co.uk. A £1 discount is available quoting reference number 65314.

The liners come in a range of sizes; extra small or small liners fit the kitchen caddy, medium liners fit the 25litre food waste caddy and the larger sizes fit wheeled bins.

Please do not put organic waste in plastic bags; plastic items will contaminate the whole collection load and mean that the material cannot be composted.

rubbish



Grey bin with blue lid

yes please

- Non recyclable materials
- Disposable nappies
- Sanitary/incontinence products
- Expanded polystyrene trays & packaging
- Plastic wrapping, bread bags etc
- Cling film
- Drinks cartons & Tetra Pak
- Cat or dog litter & faeces
- Ash from fires (allow the ashes to cool first)

no thanks

- Hot ashes
- Clinical waste
- Recyclables - glass, paper, cans, cardboard, plastic bottles
- Organic waste - leftovers, peelings

This bin is to be used for anything that cannot be recycled or composted in the other two bins.

Please check that you are not throwing away any materials that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council can recycle or compost.

Please remember to contain your waste securely in either used shop carrier bags or bin liners.

contact us

Collections will take place as usual on Bank Holidays. Dates in bold highlight adjustments to collections over Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Please ensure your wheeled bins and recycling bags are out for collection by 7.00am on collection day. Please return your bins & bags to your property as soon as possible after collection.

Contact us

Telephone: 0845 605 3014

Email: customer.services@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

Web: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

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