



Clean Green Croydon

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LATEST NEWS

Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean Award

I would like to say a big thank you to all our Street Champions and street champion coordinator who took part in the Great British Spring Clean 2019. The efforts were noticed by Keep Britain Tidy and we crowned Best Local Authority taking part and were awarded a golden litter picker for our efforts. Between 22nd March and 23rd April there were 21 organised litter picks, 215 volunteers that together collected over 300 bags of litter. I am extremely proud that Croydon has been recognised on a national level for our participation by such a big organisation as Keep Britain Tidy. We plan to continue working alongside Keep Britain Tidy as well as working on our own Don't Mess with Croydon campaign to get people to take pride in their local community. If you would like to get involved and organise a clean-up in your local area, then please contact our street champion coordination at champions@croydon.gov.uk.



Croydon Supporting Bees



Croydon Council is taking positive action to support the bees of Croydon. Over the next 3 years the approach to open spaces is improving to build a habitat that helps bees thrive. From the start of autumn 2019 the grass will be cut to the lowest possible

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level to achieve 60% soil exposition. Then the selected meadow mix will be sown. The germination process will be closely monitored for the duration of winter. Two pilot sites of Sanderstead Hill banks in Sanderstead ward and Covington Way in Norbury Park ward will be the first areas to be made bee friendly, however this programme will be rolled out to as many sites as possible in the next 3 years. I will be working closely with Oliver Lewis the cabinet member for Culture, Leisure & Sport along with the friends of groups to discuss and agree which parks we can use to create wildflower areas across the borough to benefit bees and other pollinating insects.

Tonnes Diverted from landfill

Since the new collections started in October our recycling rate has hit an impressive 48%, thank you to all the Croydon residents for your hard work and patience. This means that in 3 months over 12,000 tonnes of recycling was diverted from landfill and has now been sent for recycling. We will soon have videos of our recycling journey from collection to reprocessing and beyond, so keep an eye on Croydon website for these.

WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T RECYCLE

FOOD WASTE Collected: every week					✗ NO THANKS	
✓ YES PLEASE	All cooked and uncooked food	Dairy products: cheese and eggs	Fruit and vegetable peelings	Tea bags and coffee grounds	Meat and fish bones	• Plastic bags • Packaging • Oil or liquids.

PAPER & CARD Collected: every 2 weeks					✗ NO THANKS	
✓ YES PLEASE	Newspapers and magazines	Card and cardboard	Toilet and kitchen roll tubes	Egg boxes	Junk mail and catalogues	• Food-soiled pizza boxes • Shredded paper (unless in an envelope or paper bag) • Tissue paper • Food & drink cartons

Plastics, glass, cans and cartons Collected: every 2 weeks					✗ NO THANKS	
✓ YES PLEASE	Plastic bottles	Plastic packaging (tubs, trays etc.)	Glass jars and bottles	Cans, tins, aerosols and tin foil	Liquid food and drink cartons	• Plastic bags • Plastic film • Crisp packets • Hard plastics (toys etc) • Polystyrene

General waste Collected: every 2 weeks					✗ NO THANKS	
✓ YES PLEASE	Non-recyclable rubbish	Food-soiled cardboard	Plastic bags and film	Polystyrene	Nappies	• Anything recyclable • Electrical items • Hazardous waste • DIY waste

Flatten down large cardboard boxes before putting them in the bin.
Empty and rinse all containers. Squash plastic bottles. Remove film lids from plastic pots, tubs and trays.

Only general waste placed in this bin (with the lid shut) will be collected.



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Letter to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

This week I have written to Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State regarding, not only as Cabinet Member for Clean, Green Croydon, but also in my role as the Chair of the South London Waste Partnership's Joint Waste Committee, to express my increased concerns about the number of fly tips being seen on a national scale and the costs to local authorities of dealing with these. I wrote to implore him to take a proactive stance against this blight on the streets of our country by introducing the below three initiatives;

- 1) A national media campaign against fly tipping.
- 2) An Old for New Collection Service provided by the manufacturers at the point of delivery of bulky furniture, mattresses etc. and white goods.
- 3) The Government introduces a national point of purchase 'deposit' for mattresses and white goods, which would be returned to the customer when they dispose of the product responsibly at the end of its life at a household waste and recycling centre.