



# **Clean Green Croydon**

## **Cabinet Member Bulletin**

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#### **LATEST NEWS**

##### **New Recycling**

I'm delighted to announce that Croydon is on track to meet its target of recycling over 50% of its household waste by 2020. It is now one year on from when we introduced the new bins. This followed the bold decision to increase the capacity for recycling and reduce the capacity for the residual (landfill) bins and it is great to see that this has already had a big impact on increasing recycling and reducing residual waste. I would like to say a big thank you to all our residents for getting behind the new system and for their continued efforts to recycle all they can. This has raised our recycling rate to 48%, from around 38% and is a fantastic achievement. Croydon want to achieve 50% recycling by 2020 and we are almost there. I'd also like to thank officers and our contractor for their hard work in ensuring such a major change took place with as little disruption to the service as possible.

##### **Recycling Week**

To help us reach this ambitious target of 50% recycling by 2020 Croydon recently supported National Recycling Week, which ran from 23-29 September. There were adverts in the trams as well as a short film entitled 'Recycling the Journey' which shows where all our recycling goes once it has been collected. The short film is now available on the Croydon website.



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**WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T RECYCLE**

Category	Collected	Frequency	YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
FOOD WASTE	Collected: every week	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	YES PLEASE	Newspapers and magazines Card and cardboard Toilet and kitchen roll tubes Egg boxes Junk mail and catalogues <i>Flatten down large cardboard boxes before putting them in the bin.</i>	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	YES PLEASE	Plastic bottles Plastic packaging (tubs, trays etc.) Glass jars and bottles Cans, tins, aerosols and tin foil Liquid food and drink cartons <i>Empty and rinse all containers. Squash plastic bottles. Remove film lids from plastic pots, tubs and trays.</i>	Plastic bags Plastic film Crisp packets Hard plastics (toys etc) Polystyrene
General waste	Collected: every 2 weeks	YES PLEASE	Non-recyclable rubbish Food-soiled cardboard Plastic bags and film Polystyrene Nappies <i>Only general waste placed in this bin (with the lid shut) will be collected.</i>	Anything recyclable Electrical items Hazardous waste DIY waste

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

I am disappointed to report that since writing to the Secretary of State about fly-tipping in July I have still not had a reply. I sent letters to both Theresa Villiers MP and Michael Gove MP, who was in the post previously. I wrote to express my concerns about the increasing number of fly tips being seen on a national scale, the costs to local authorities in dealing with these and to suggest new ways in which this issue could be tackled.

Despite the lack of any response or any new initiatives from the Secretary of State Croydon will continue to tackle these issues locally. We will soon be introducing an initiative that rewards residents who supply information about fly tippers which leads to a successful prosecution.

Finally, a reminder to please report any fly tips you see via the Don't Mess with Croydon App which will create an instruction for our contractor to clear within one working day.

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