

Compulsory Recycling in Waltham Forest

Starts 10 September 2007



This guide contains all the information you need for the new scheme, and some ideas to make recycling even easier.



Dear Resident,

From 10 September 2007 Waltham Forest Council is making recycling compulsory for all residents in the Get Sorted! Door-to-Door Recycling Service.

Thanks to your support, Waltham Forest already has one of the best recycling rates in north London, but we need to do more. We produce almost 100,000 tonnes of rubbish every year and currently 29% of this is recycled.

However, the government has set ambitious new recycling targets for local councils across the UK. We need to increase our recycling levels to 33% by March 2008 and 50% by 2012. If we don't meet these targets, we will receive heavy fines that will impact on residents through their council tax.

We know that with your help, and the hard work of our contractor Verdant, we can meet these targets and continue to make Waltham Forest a greener and cleaner place to live.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Bob Belam
Cabinet Member for Environment



Why is the Council introducing Compulsory Recycling?

With growing pressure on the environment from millions of tonnes of rubbish we produce every year, the government has introduced ambitious recycling targets for local councils. Information from other councils and a successful pilot scheme in the north of Waltham Forest have shown that Compulsory Recycling is a very effective way to meet these targets.

Is recycling compulsory for all residents?

No. Residents in some flats (in blocks or above shops) are not currently included in the scheme. The Council is working towards ways to include them in the future.

What do I have to recycle from 10 September?

All paper, cardboard (flattened to fit in the box), glass bottles and jars, food and drink cans, plastic bottles, textiles, shoes, batteries and engine oil must be placed in the **black recycling boxes**. Residents must not place these items in their wheeled rubbish bin.

What happens if I don't recycle?

Support will be given to residents to ensure they understand the scheme and to help them to recycle. If they continually fail to recycle, they could be fined up to £1,000. Fines will only be used as a last resort to persistent non-recyclers.

Are you reducing the frequency of refuse collection?

No, not at the moment. We will continue to have weekly refuse and recycling collections.

Can I recycle my kitchen and garden waste?

The Green Waste collection service for kitchen and garden waste will be extended across the borough from September, with all residents to be included by April 2008. Residents will be informed as the scheme is expanded into their area.

Can I use other recycling facilities?

Yes. You can use one of the Waltham Forest's Recycling Centres (see over for more information). If you choose to visit a centre instead of using your black recycling box please contact Waltham Forest Direct to let us know.

“ Recycling is easy and good for the environment. It can also be fun - my kids really enjoy it! ”



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For more information about recycling in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling or call Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000

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Other ways to recycle



You can recycle a wide variety of materials, including all compulsory recycling items, at the three main Recycling Centres in Waltham Forest:

- Kings Road Recycling Centre, Kings Road, Chingford, E4
- South Access Road Household Waste and Recycling Centre, South Access Road, Walthamstow, E17
- Leyton Reuse & Recycling Centre, Gateway Road, Leyton, E10

There are also more than 40 mini recycling centres across the borough, outside supermarkets, public buildings and on some residential streets. Please note these mini recycling centres do not take all compulsory recycling items.

For full details of all these facilities and what can be recycled at each one, or if you have more questions about recycling in Waltham Forest, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling or call 020 8496 3000



Need another box?

To order a black recycling box, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/blackbox or call 020 8496 3000.