

# Environment Matters

even more than ever

## Top for recycling



The latest recycling statistics show that Bromley, for the second year running, is London's leading recycling borough, recycling almost half of all waste produced.

Bromley residents are producing less waste and recycling more than ever. From April 2022 to March 2023, over 48% of the borough's waste was recycled or composted and waste volumes fell by 6%.

The figures confirm Bromley has sustained the improved recycling performance from the year before last, when almost 45% of waste was recycled. The remainder of the borough's waste is sent to an Energy Recovery Facility and virtually zero being sent to landfill.

To help us all recycle more and minimise waste further, a number of roadshow events have been announced, with details overleaf, where our recycling experts will be ready to answer your recycling questions and help you find ways to reduce, reuse and recycle more.

## Save time and effort in the garden

Why not join more than 43,000 subscribers who receive regular garden waste collections throughout the gardening season. At £70 per year, from 1 April 2024, residents receive a 240-litre bin to conveniently recycle garden waste. We then collect it every other week from March to November and monthly from December to February.

You might like to also consider a **home composter**. To find out more or purchase your half price compost bin visit [bromley.gov.uk/homecomposting](https://bromley.gov.uk/homecomposting)

**Temporary garden waste sites** will also be open the first weekend of April to minimise queues at recycling centres. Please see next page for more information.

## Welcome

The news that Bromley is once again

London's top borough for recycling is welcome and a fantastic example of what we can achieve. By working together and recycling what we can, as well as minimising waste, we are directly helping reduce waste disposal costs and supporting the environment. The question we are now asking is can we do even better? With your help, we definitely can! It is part of the reason we've announced a series of 'Let's Talk about Recycling' roadshow dates. Please recycle as much as you can, including for instance by using our weekly food waste collection service.

There are some other great examples of where working together brings benefits to all, including in improving our parks, which you can read elsewhere in the magazine, including to restore the historic bandstand in Beckenham, in Croydon Rd Recreation Ground, with thanks to all who have done so much in support of our parks.

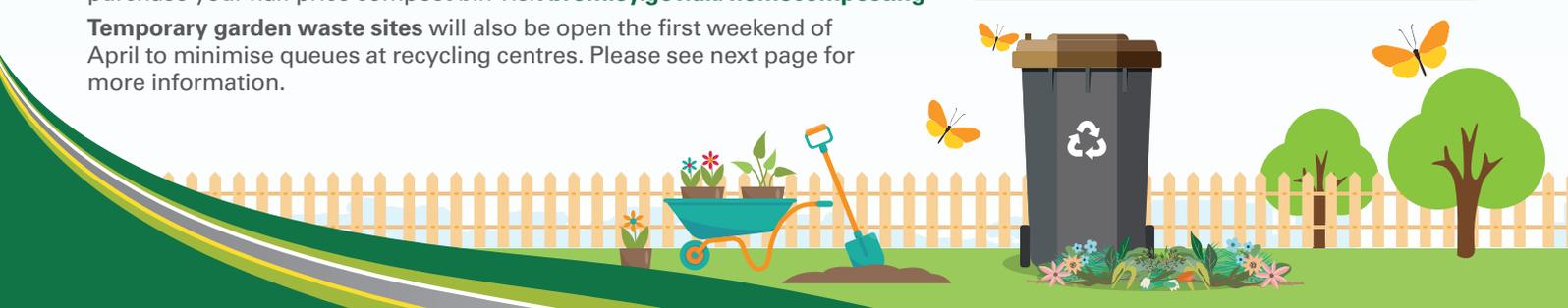
As a gardener by trade, I'm absolutely delighted to support Bromley in Bloom, which is sponsored by Coolings. I would encourage as many of you as possible to enter your gardens and businesses into this year's competition as this initiative has the potential to further brighten up the clean, green and beautiful garden of London we call home. For more information, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/BromleyInBloom](https://bromley.gov.uk/BromleyInBloom). It is tremendous news that we have completed our seasonal tree planting work and you can read more about this elsewhere in the magazine. Whilst we will be watering the newly planted trees during the



summer, if you can help by supplementing this, it would also help.

Thank you for your support.

**Councillor Will Rowlands**  
Portfolio Holder for Environment



## Become a Street Friend

**Street Friends** are invaluable members of our community who organise litter picking events across the borough to help us keep Bromley clean. Over the last year, we have seen a remarkable increase in the number of residents registering as **Street Friends** to organise their own litter picking events. With their support, we continue to raise awareness around litter. They are the example our local communities need to see in order to change the way we think about litter.

To find out more and become a **Street Friend**, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends](http://bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends)



## Clean streets

Our goal is to maintain litter-free and tidy roads to ensure the borough remains both attractive and safe. While each street undergoes regular cleaning, we acknowledge that between these scheduled cleans, litter accumulation may occur. In instances where street cleanliness is notably compromised, we are committed to returning for an additional cleaning session.

To report street cleansing issue please visit [bromley.gov.uk/report](http://bromley.gov.uk/report)



## Let's stand together against fly-tipping

We remain committed to collaborating with residents, community groups and our waste and recycling partner, Veolia, to combat fly-tipping. Our ongoing **Your Waste is Your Responsibility** campaign provides advice on how to dispose of waste responsibly.

### The scenario

### Your options

You witness a fly-tip in action, or come across a fly-tip with evidence.

- Contact Bromley's enforcement team at [street.enforcement@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:street.enforcement@bromley.gov.uk) and share as much information and photo evidence as you can, (e.g. number plate, home address) and report it at [bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime](http://bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime)
- If your information helps us prosecute, you could receive a £500 reward

You find waste dumped near your street.

- Visit [bromley.gov.uk](http://bromley.gov.uk) to report online
- The street cleansing team will remove it as soon as possible

You want to get rid of large unwanted items.

- Check to see if your local charity shop accepts furniture for reuse. The British Heart Foundation, DEBRA and St Christopher's Hospice offer a collection service
- Take your items to your local Reuse and Recycling Centre
- Book a bulky items collection at a cost by visiting [bromley.gov.uk/BulkyItems](http://bromley.gov.uk/BulkyItems)



## DIY waste at your local Reuse and Recycling Centre

As of the 31 December 2023, residents can bring a limited amount of DIY waste to our Reuse and Recycling Centres for free.

This will allow residents to recycle and dispose of a wide variety of items responsibly.

Residents can now bring 2 x 50L bags worth of DIY waste, or 1 large item up to 4 times a month. For more information, please scan here:



## Vehicle restrictions at Waldo Road and Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centres

Residents driving to the reuse and recycling centres in a van, pick-up truck, or liveried vehicle, will require a permit.

For more information visit: [www.bromley.gov.uk/wastenews](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/wastenews)

If you are a business/trader, you can only visit Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre, and must pay for the disposal of trade waste and use the dedicated trade entrance when using the centre.

## Reuse and Recycling Centre Easter opening times

The reuse and recycling centres will be open during the Easter weekend at the following times:

- **Friday 29 March** (Good Friday) - 8am to 4pm
- **Saturday 30 March** 7:30am to 4pm
- **Sunday 31 March** (Easter Sunday) - 8am to 1pm
- **Monday 1 April** (Easter Monday) - 8am to 4pm

The reuse and recycling centres are open between 8am-4pm on all other Bank Holidays. They may be especially busy, so please plan your trip in advance and check the webcam online. Please bring your **permit** or **proof of address** with you when visiting.

## 'Let's Talk About Recycling' Recycling Road Shows

You are invited! Our recycling experts are ready to answer your recycling questions and help you find ways to reduce, reuse and recycle more.

Find us on **Bromley High Street** at our dedicated family friendly stall - where you can ask questions and explore ways to recycle more and minimise waste.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT RECYCLING**

- Friday 31 May**  
10am to 2pm
- Saturday 29 June**  
10am to 4pm
- Friday 26 July**  
10am to 2pm



## Temporary garden waste sites

 Temporary sites are open again at the weekends in April, with details below, with the Green Street Green site remaining open till the last Saturday in October in line with previous years.

**Saturdays 6 to 27 April, 11am-4pm**

**Bromley:** Norman Park, Hook Farm Road (off Bromley Common)

**St Paul's Cray:** Cotmandene Crescent car park (off Chipperfield Road)

**Saturdays 6 April to 26 October, 11am-4pm**

**Green Street Green:** Salt Depot, Shire Lane Spur (off Sevenoaks Road)

**Sundays 7 April to 28 April, 8am - 12 noon**

**Biggin Hill:** Charles Darwin School, Jail Lane

**Beckenham:** Unicorn Primary School car park, Creswell Drive (off South Eden Park Road)

