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Week one

WINTER 2025

# Environment Matters

even more than ever



## Thank you, Bromley! We are recycling more than ever.

Bromley is the top recycling borough in London, thanks to residents' efforts. According to Defra, in 2023/24, Bromley recycled over half of the waste produced, sending virtually none to landfill. This is a great achievement, and we can recycle even more! Food waste recycling is an easy way to reduce your waste, and can be turned into fertiliser and green energy. Using our weekly collections, residents can recycle cooked and uncooked food, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit peelings and more.

Visit [bromley.gov.uk/foodwaste](https://bromley.gov.uk/foodwaste) to order your free containers today.

## Welcome

One of the reasons our borough is a brilliant place is because of you! It is no accident that Bromley is a high performing recycling borough, London leading in fact! We are rightly proud of this outstanding performance over many years, with our recycling record also as a direct result of residents' recycling efforts too. Please keep going with this, as there are clear financial and environmental benefits. Working together is key to so much of what we do. As a Council, this includes working with Street Friends, Friends of Parks, Tree Friends and Snow Friends - thank you for your support and reports when you see something which needs attention.

You may be interested to know that as part of our plans to ensure our waste collection services continue to be reliable, we will soon be trialling an electric vehicle. More detail will follow but the trial will help us see how an electric vehicle performs in London's largest borough, with potential operational savings from fuel, ahead of any decision about the wider fleet of waste vehicles.

I am also pleased to share early news that whilst our Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre remains closed, we are planning to reopen on a limited basis, at weekends at the end of January, whilst work to complete the upgrade of the infrastructure at the site continues.

Details of when residents will be able to book appointments to visit will be made available in due course.

Please make a note of the revised collection schedule over the festive period and Happy Christmas.

**Councillor Will Rowlands**  
Executive Councillor for Environment



## Leaf removal is still on!

As autumn progresses, our street cleaning operatives continue to work hard, removing around 2,000 tonnes of leaves from pavements and roads every year! Additional staff have been deployed to ensure leaves from over 36,000 trees are removed quickly to ensure roads and pavements remain clean and safe. We prioritise leaf clearance on streets with the highest concentration of trees, ensuring our resources are deployed where they are needed most. Our removal schedule is coordinated with the seasonal leaf-fall patterns of different tree species to increase efficiency and maintain clean streets. The final leaves will continue to be cleared in the coming weeks.







## Meet Monica and Dave, two of your "Street Friends"!

Street Friends are volunteers who go above and beyond to help keep the community clean and safe. Monica and Dave have been Street Friends for over a decade. You might have seen them featured on one of our recycling and waste collection vehicles! Over the years, Monica and Dave, along with lots of neighbours and friends, meet up monthly to litter-pick and socialise. Being a Street Friend is a great way to meet people, stay active and keep your local community clean. If you want to become a Street Friend, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends](http://bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends)



## Snow Friends

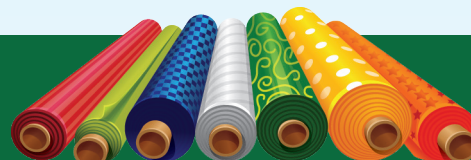
Bromley, London's largest borough, has around 500 miles (800km) of roads and 870 miles (1400kms) of pavement, and whilst we are prepared for snow each winter, it is not feasible for crews to remove snow from everywhere; in fact, after repeated heavy snowfalls we are stretched to treat key locations, and this is where Snow Friends comes in. Over the years, our many Snow Friends have proved themselves invaluable with removing snow from pavements and roads in smaller residential streets, using snow scoops and salt supplied, free of charge, subject to availability. This allows council crews to concentrate on critical main routes and more heavily used pavements in town centres, outside schools and at transport interchanges.

If you'd like to make your neighbourhood safer this winter, please register at [www.bromley.gov.uk/SnowFriends](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/SnowFriends) to join an existing Snow Friends group, or find out how you can start a group for your street or community group if there isn't one already.



## Gum removal

One of the most common types of litter is chewing gum. Using hot water and jet-washing machines, operatives remove gum from busy pavements such as Bromley High Street.



## Can we recycle wrapping paper?

Say 'no' to glossy or metallic wrapping paper as they cannot be recycled.

# Your waste is your responsibility!

Together, we can stop fly-tipping in our borough.

- 1 If you need to dispose of unwanted items:
  - Visit Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre
  - Book a "Bulky Items" collection service. Please visit [bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems](http://bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems)
  - Donate or sell
- 2 If you have seen a fly-tip in your local area, report it to us at [bromley.gov.uk/report](http://bromley.gov.uk/report)
- 3 If you witness a fly-tip in action, let us know at [bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime](http://bromley.gov.uk/envirocrime). If your information helps us successfully prosecute an offender, you could receive up to £500 as a reward.





# Tis the season to be green!

1

Gifting an experience? This is a great way to avoid excess wrapping paper!

2

Your collection days will change over the festive season. Check page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

3

Make a conscious effort to buy gifts and food with less packaging - you will create less waste and may save money.

4

Don't bin it - regift it! If you receive a gift that isn't right for you, don't throw it away. Donate or sell unwanted items.

5

If you are planning to spend more time in the garden next year, consider subscribing to our garden waste collection service. This also makes a great Christmas present for your green-fingered friends! For more details visit: [bromley.gov.uk/gardenwaste](https://bromley.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

6

If you're having your online Christmas gift shopping delivered, recycle the cardboard boxes in your black box. Don't forget to flatten them first to save space and help collection crews to collect it safely.

7

Use up your festive food - don't let your leftovers go to waste. Most foods can be frozen if the use-by date has not passed.



## Recycling Heroes

The Recycling Heroes programme invites all primary school students to learn about the 3 Rs Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. The programme is completely free. If your school is interested or would like to find out more visit [bromley.gov.uk/recyclingheroes](https://bromley.gov.uk/recyclingheroes)

## A to Z recycling list

Bromley's A to Z list gives information about what you can and cannot recycle from home. Please visit <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/RecyclingAtoZ>



## Do not leave bins on pavements

Please do not leave your recycling and waste containers on the pavement. This could block pedestrian access and may become a trip hazard.



## Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre Update

Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre remains closed whilst major infrastructure work continues. The improvement work will continue for some months to come, with residents reminded they can continue to use Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre during this period. Please remember to book your slot online before visiting. Plans to reopen the Waldo Reuse and Recycling Centre on a limited basis at weekends, from late January will be shared soon. For the latest updates, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/wasteneews](https://bromley.gov.uk/wasteneews)



## Collection Calendar

This is your new recycling and waste collection calendar. This calendar applies to collections from houses only - there are different arrangements for residents in flats. Please note the changes during bank holiday weeks where collections may take place later than usual.

1

All recycling and waste must be correctly presented for collection **by 7am on your collection day**.

2

All recycling and waste must be contained securely and placed within arm's reach of the pavement, **not on it**.

3

Leave your containers out for collection **until 5pm** before you report a missed collection.

### December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25**	26***	27	28
29*	30*	31**				

### January 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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### March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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\*Collections are made one day later than usual.

\*\* Collections are made two days later than usual.

\*\*\* Collections are made three days later than usual



#### Green week:

Tins, cans, glass and plastic containers | Food waste



#### White week:

Non-recyclable refuse | Black box: paper and cardboard | Food waste

### Green Garden Waste subscribers:

If you are a Green Garden Waste subscriber, your bin will be collected on your usual collection day. Please remember to cut up your Christmas tree and place it in your garden waste bin.

## Christmas tree recycling sites

Temporary Green Garden Waste sites will open across the borough that will accept garden waste and Christmas trees.

### Saturday 10 January, 11am to 4pm

- Bromley: Norman Park, Hook Farm Road (off Bromley Common)
- Green Street Green: Salt Depot, Shire Lane Spur (off Sevenoaks Road)
- St Paul's Cray, Cotmandene Crescent car park

### Sunday 11 January, 8am to 12pm

- Biggin Hill: Charles Darwin School, Jail Lane
- Beckenham: Unicorn Primary School car park, Creswell Drive (off South Eden Park Road)

### Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre opening hours

Monday to Friday - 7am to 5:30pm

Saturday - 7:30am to 4pm

Sunday - 8am to 1pm

The centre is closed on 25 and 26 December and 1 January.

Please book your slot before visiting the site [bromley.gov.uk/recycling-sites](https://bromley.gov.uk/recycling-sites)

### Please remember:

- Remove all decorations from your tree before you recycle it.
- Christmas trees and garden waste can only be left at the locations during the times specified above. If you leave waste here before or after these times, it is fly-tipping and you could be prosecuted.

### Reuse corner!

You can take any unwanted items, in a good condition, to Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centre. Please ask a member of staff when you arrive.

