

Lewisham's Waste & Recycling Services



**Strategic Waste and Environment
Team**



Consultation (name TBC)

- Open 18th Feb - 8th April 2019
- Questionnaire to find out what you know about waste and recycling in the London Borough of Lewisham
- Online, paper, or by phone

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Call 020 8314 9303





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Recycling services





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The recycling bins are collected from kerbside properties, estates and bring sites from around the entire borough by recycling crews. After collecting the recycling, the crews take it to the materials recycling facility (MRF) in Crayford to tip the loads.



The loads are inspected for food and garden waste and any other contaminants that may affect the quality of the loads. Food and garden waste will reduce the quality of cardboard and paper by absorbing moisture. If the loads are too contaminated, they will be rejected and incinerated and the Council will have to pick up the additional costs.

What happens to all the recycling?



- ➔ Put your bin **on the pavement outside your property**, by 6am on the morning of your collection day (return within 24 hours).
- ➔ Put the correct items into the bin.
- ➔ Put garden waste in loose, not in plastic bags as these will contaminate your bins.
- ➔ Contamination – the bin will not be collected and you will have to remove the contamination.
- ➔ Make sure the lid is fully closed.
- ➔ No additional garden waste at the side of your bin.
- ➔ Additional garden waste:
 - ➔ Refill your bin for the next collection
 - ➔ Home compost
 - ➔ Purchase another subscription
 - ➔ Re-use and Recycling Centre
- ➔ Label your bin with your house number.



How to use the garden waste service



- Compost Bins
- £10 (subsidised by the Council)

- Compost at home – having the right ‘mix’ to ensure high quality compost

What age group produces the most food waste?



- ➔ Weekly food waste collections
- ➔ External 23 litre food bin & 7 litre internal caddy
- ➔ Please only use a biodegradable bag (supplied by most supermarkets) or wrap your food waste in newspaper
- ➔ All food waste:
 - ➔ Meat and fish - raw and cooked including bones
 - ➔ Fruit and vegetables - raw and cooked
 - ➔ All dairy products such as eggs and cheese
 - ➔ Bread, cakes and pastries
 - ➔ Rice, pasta and beans
 - ➔ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
 - ➔ Tea bags and coffee grounds
 - ➔ Nut shells
- ➔ No food packaging

Food waste collections



Contamination

- ➔ Contamination is a costly issue for Lewisham
- ➔ We have a 3 stage process for contaminated bins:
 - First letter - explaining the issue
 - Second letter - more formal
 - Third letter – Bin removal

Biggest items causing contamination



Contamination

Thank You
Any Questions

Questions



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