

Exciting new kerbside collection service launches

Horsham District Council, in partnership with West Sussex County Council, is delighted to be launching its new kerbside collections of small electrical items, textiles and batteries in May 2021.

Residents of Horsham District can now book a free collection of broken small electricals and unwanted textiles for recycling. Additionally, the Council also offers residents a kerbside collection for batteries alongside their regular recycling and rubbish collections.

The service forms part of a trial which will run from May 2021 to January 2022.

Over 800 tonnes of textiles and 130 tonnes of small electricals are thrown away in rubbish bins in the Horsham District every year. Booking a free collection of these items will save valuable resources from going to waste.

Kettles, toasters, irons, hairdryers, radios, electronic toys, power tools and many more small electricals and unwanted textiles including clothes, shoes and towels will be able to be recycled using the new trial service.

Commenting on the new service, Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling, Waste and Cleansing Cllr Philip Circus said:

“We are really excited to be introducing this trial for the collection, re-use and recycling of household electrical, textiles and batteries.

“I am sure the trial service will offer a convenient solution for residents to recycle their unwanted items from their doorsteps, maximising their lifecycle and reducing the carbon impact of these items going to waste.

“I hope that our residents will engage with and be supportive of this new venture to build upon the great work they have already done to improve recycling rates in our District.”

The new service is for broken small electrical household items, unwanted textiles and used household batteries. Most small electricals, items that have a plug, battery or lead, are accepted but some restrictions apply.

Deborah Urquhart, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said:

“We are committed to making it as easy and convenient as possible for our residents to recycle and this service is going to make a big difference to households in the Horsham District.

“At the moment residents can take these items to our Household Waste Recycling Sites for disposal. This new service will make it far more convenient for residents to recycle broken and unwanted electrical items and textiles.

“I look forward to hearing how the trial progresses and to hear how it impacts recycling rates in the area.”

Many of these items often stop working but could be repaired, they may be unwanted but have re-use value to others, so the Council is urging residents to consider re-use and repair options where possible and only use this service for broken items.

For more information and to book your collection please go to www.horsham.gov.uk/recycling

Batteries should be placed in a small, clear plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag or food bag) and the bag placed on top of either green-top rubbish bins or blue-top recycling bins on the usual collection day. They should not be placed inside recycling or rubbish bins.

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