



Recycling and waste

for the Horsham District

Recycling tips following a fire on our collection vehicle

A couple of weeks ago one of our waste collection vehicles caught fire. The likely cause was a mobile phone.

When someone put this into their recycling, we're sure they didn't think that it would lead to three fire crews, significant disruption for residents of the road, and over five tonnes of recycling going to waste. But it did.

We'll be sharing more information this summer to help improve recycling and prevent further incidents.

How to recycle small electricals

All small electricals can be recycled with our [free small electricals collection service](#) or taken to a recycling centre.

This includes mobile phones, and e-cigarettes.

What can and cannot be recycled



Our new electric sweepers are streets ahead

Our fleet of street cleansing vehicles are set to benefit from two new electric sweepers.

At a Cabinet meeting on 9 June councillors elected to replace two existing compact town centre sweepers with new electric vehicles.

The new electric sweepers will deliver a reduction in carbon emissions in line with the Council's corporate priorities to tackle climate change, as it aims to be carbon neutral by 2030.



[Read more](#)

Helping our crews beat the heat

Due to the hot weather this week, our recycling and waste collection crews have been starting their rounds half an hour earlier.

We appreciate your support in helping our crews beat the heat. Thank you!



Hot bin trial update

We have 15 families trying out the Hot Bin this summer. Many are almost at the base line where they'll start producing compost.

How to use a Hot Bin

One of our participants, Laura, has sent us a fantastic video (3 mins) of how to use the Hot Bin. Click the button below to watch on our Youtube channel.

[Watch now](#)

And here are some of our trial participants telling us why they signed up:

Anne



"Thank you for supplying the hot bin. I wanted to participate in the scheme so that I could recycle all my kitchen waste. I am a very keen recycler and try to do as much as possible."

Karen

"Always keen to minimise waste but as a small household I didn't think it was possible to compost my limited kitchen waste so when I heard about the hot bin (mini) trial I was keen to have a go. I'm hoping to make enough to boost the soil in my veg plot."

Anita

We found it more in depth than we thought to set up and still haven't managed to get to the base line yet. I'm sure once we are there it will be plain sailing.

We wanted to take part because we are a family of four and have a fair amount of food waste especially from the children despite best efforts not to. We currently recycle as much as we can and we have also recently re done our garden. We loved the idea that we could minimise our waste and create something to feed our garden off the back of it.

Horsham Matters

And we have local charity Horsham Matters signed up too! "At Horsham Matters we are always looking at ways to reduce our waste, save money, and help the community. The hot bin will allow us to do this by putting our food waste there and turning this to compost for community garden projects. Also, this will help us cut the cost of waste food collections."

Summer barbecue recycling

Barbecue season is in full swing. Here are some top tips from the team to make sure yours keeps the environment in mind:

- Soft plastic packaging - such as bread roll packets and the film lids from burger packs - should be saved up and taken to a local soft plastics recycling point. Many local supermarkets offer this service
- Make sure all other recycling is clean, dry and loose in your recycling bin
- If you are using a disposable barbecue, leave it to cool down for several hours before disposing of it. Visit the [West Sussex Fire and Rescue website](#) for more advice


