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Recycling and waste

for the Horsham District

Food waste collections are coming!

Household food waste collections will begin in the Horsham District by spring 2026.

A phased roll-out of weekly food waste collections will launch in March 2026, with household refuse and recycling collections continuing as usual every two weeks.

Currently some 41.5% of the rubbish in an average Horsham District waste bin is made up of food waste.

Pictured: Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Waste Cllr Jay Mercer with a food caddy and food waste bin

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Recycle vapes at our new drop-off points

There are now two ways to recycle your vapes with us: take them to our new recycling points at Pavilions In The Park or Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, or book a free collection from your home.

Recycling your vapes helps prevent fires in our collection vehicles and means the device's lithium ion battery can be re-used in something else. A real win-win!

An estimated 8.2 million vapes (such as single use, pod and big puff) are now thrown away every week or recycled incorrectly [according to electrical waste non-profit Material Focus](#).

[Find out more](#)



Recycling Centres

Donate and collect free paint at Horsham's Paint re-use station

A new initiative aimed at reducing paint waste and redistributing surplus paint to individuals and families in West Sussex has been launched. Full details of how to donate or collect paint can be found on the West Sussex County Council website.

[Read more](#)



Shop for pre-loved items and donate your own at Billingshurst's Re-use shop

Biffa, on behalf of West Sussex County Council, now operates a reuse shop at both Billingshurst and Worthing Recycling Centres (pictured: Worthing Reuse shop).

The reuse shops provide residents with an opportunity to purchase preloved goods and also accept items for donation.

[Find out more](#)



Are you a garden waste customer? Make sure your bin is labelled by April 1

This year our garden waste customers will not be sent a sticker for their garden waste bins. The sticker was just used to identify bins; however, our in-cab systems are capable of doing this job and stickers are therefore no longer necessary.

To match a bin to its subscription, we need the back of the bin to be clearly labelled with the house name or number from 1 April 2025.

[Read more about our garden waste service](#)



Download our mobile app to get collection notifications straight to your phone

Check when your next recycling and waste collection day is, search for what can and can't be recycled, find your nearest recycling site, and more with the Horsham District Council app.

You can even set a notification to alert you at 4pm the night before your bin collection day to make sure you always put the right bin out!

[Find out more](#)

Access Council services whilst on the move!



Toothpaste tubes can now be recycled in your blue-top bin

Plastic squeeze toothpaste tubes can now be recycled in your home recycling bin alongside plastic pots, tubs and trays.

Please ensure they are as empty as possible and that lids are replaced before placing them in the recycling bin.

Hard toothpaste tubes with pumps on top should be placed in the general waste bin, as they are made from a different type of plastic.



[Recycling bin](#)

Get funding for community projects that prevent waste

A Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund from West Sussex County Council is now open for applications from community-based projects in West Sussex that encourage people to repair and reuse items they no longer want or use. **Please pass these details onto any groups in your local community who could benefit.**

The fund is a joint initiative by West Sussex County Council and Biffa to help local groups develop innovative ways to reduce household waste. It is open to community groups, residents' associations, charities, community interest companies (CICs) and social enterprises for grants of up to £5,000.

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