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Help us improve food recycling

A new food waste recycling campaign is hoping to get the message to stick with residents.

From mid-June stickers will be placed on over 40,000 bins to remind residents to put their food waste in to their green bin.

As part of the campaign, we will be giving away free Hertsmere caddy liner rolls and our Recycling Officer will be available between 1pm and 3pm on Monday afternoon (5 June) for a question and answer session. Like our Facebook/RecycleforHertsmere page for information on how to get involved.

During an audit, we discovered that over half of waste thrown in the residual black bin was food waste – all of which can be recycled.

Jenna Bates, Recycling Officer for Hertsmere Borough Council, said: "Our aim is to increase the amount of food waste recycled in Hertsmere. At the moment, 5,786 tonnes of our food waste is sent to landfill every year where it rots and produces methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times stronger than CO₂!"

"Such a small difference, such as putting food waste in a different bin, can make such a big difference. Instead of producing greenhouse gases, you will be helping to produce nutrient-rich compost to be spread on local farmland.

"We hope something as simple as stickers on bins, general reminders through our free e-alerts 'News for You' and social media updates about collections, will increase food waste recycling in Hertsmere and help to make food waste recycling a habit.

"I know recycling can be confusing and I'll always respond to questions on our Recycle for Hertsmere Facebook page, but I'll be dedicating a couple of hours to answer all of your questions in an online FAQ session on Monday. I'll let you know when I'm online, so simply comment on that post and I'll answer as many of your comments and questions as I can. I look forward to hearing from you!"

In Hertsmere we have kitchen caddies, which you can keep in your kitchen to store food waste before transferring the contents to your green bin. Caddies are available,

free of charge, at locations across the borough. You can recycle any cooked or uncooked food, as well as egg shells, bones and tea bags. Remember that no amount of food waste is too small to recycle.

“But please remember to remove all packaging, as this will contaminate your load and mean we can’t recycle your food waste, wasting all your hard work,” adds Jenna.

Hertsmere kitchen caddies can be picked up, free of charge, from:

Aldenham Parish Council, The Radlett Centre, Aldenham Avenue, Radlett
Hertsmere Borough Council's Area Office, The Bushey Centre, High Street, Bushey
(9.30am to 2pm on Tuesdays)

Hertsmere Borough Council's Area Office, The Wyllyotts Centre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar (9.30am to 2pm on Thursday)

Hertsmere Borough Council's Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood
Library and Community Centre, 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood

Hertsmere compostable caddie liners cost £2.50 per roll of 52 (cheaper than any supermarket equivalents) and are available from:

Aldenham Parish Council, The Radlett Centre, Aldenham Avenue, Radlett

Bushey Grove Leisure Centre, Aldenham Road, Bushey

Bushey Country Club, High Street, Bushey

Civic Office, Elstree Way, Borehamwood

Hertswood Centre, Potters Lane, Borehamwood

The Venue, Elstree Way, Borehamwood

Library and Community Centre, 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood

The Wyllyotts Centre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar

Furzefield Leisure Centre, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar

Only compostable bags with the Hertsmere logo are accepted in our green bins. Plastic bags and other liners, such as supermarket biodegradable or compostable bags, cannot be accepted - they will be considered as contamination and your bin will not be emptied.

For more information on food waste recycling visit our website

www.hertsmere.gov.uk/greenbin, sign up to receive our FREE e-alerts through News for You, follow us on Twitter @HertsmereBC or like us on Facebook.com/Hertsmere and Facebook.com/RecycleforHertsmere

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