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Rewarding Recycling Champions! Win a £100 shopping voucher!

Be a Recycling Champion!

We want to reward residents for taking part in our kerbside paper recycling collection scheme. Are you doing your bit to reduce the amount of the district's rubbish that is landfilled by using your paper recycling bin each month?

If you are, fill in your name and address, cut out the orange slip (left) and place it in your paper recycling bin next time you put it out. There will be a prize draw for a £100 shopping voucher every week from mid July through to the end of August. That way everyone has a chance to win during the six-week collection cycle.

The winner will be the orange slip pulled from the paper mountain in Bowling Back Lane each week. Winners' names will be published in future issues of Community Pride.

Bulky Waste goes free

There's no need to fly-tip your rubbish. The Council already offers each household four FREE collections a year of up to five items or 10 bags of waste, or certain combinations of the two.

We will take beds and other furniture, carpets, bikes, computers and most electrical goods but there's a charge of £15 for a fridge or freezer. You can pay by cash, cheque or credit or debit card. We aim to make sure collections are made within ten working days.

The Council can arrange for the collection of building and DIY waste, including cast iron boilers, kitchen units, bathroom suites, windows and doors and radiators for which a full commercial rate will be charged.

Alternatively why not take your rubbish to a Household Waste Recycling Centre site free of charge.

For more information contact 01274 431000.

Doing this could now cost you a packet

Fly-tippers and litter bugs face harsher penalties after the Council was given extensive new powers to help it clean up the image of the district.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, part of which came into force last month, gives the Council powers to clamp down on people who treat the district like a rubbish bin.

In the future fly-tippers can have their vehicles confiscated and sold to allow the Council to use the proceeds to pay for clean-ups. Previously enforcement officers were only able to issue £50 fixed-penalty fines, with only serious cases going to court.



Last year the Council recorded more than 5,000 cases of fly-tipping and had to spend more than £500,000 clearing 4,000 tonnes of illegally dumped waste. That did not include £5 million on street cleaning and £130,000 spent clearing away dumped cars.

Under the new legislation individuals and businesses are now held responsible for cleaning up their own land and the offence of dropping litter has been extended to all land, including private land and rivers and ponds.

The Act also makes it clear that chewing gum and cigarette butts are regarded as litter and £50 fixed penalty notices can be issued to anyone caught dropping them. These fixed penalties will increase in cost in the future.

Businesses which fail to dispose of their rubbish correctly can be fined £100 on the spot; supermarkets can be fined if their shopping trolleys are found littering the streets; and dogs can be banned from designated areas.

Council Leader Margaret Eaton, said: "A cleaner district is one of our top priorities. We are working hard to achieve this and these new powers are to be welcomed. People who litter the district should be made to pay for their mess to be cleaned up."

● Since January 1 2004 the Council's Visible Services Team has issued 701 fixed-penalty fines for littering and, in partnership with the Environment Agency, has made 16 successful prosecutions for fly-tipping.



HAVE YOUR SAY and enter a draw to win a ton (of cash not waste!)

We want to hear your views about how to improve waste management and recycling in Bradford District.

Please fill in the survey and return it by post to Waste Survey, Bradford Council, FREEPOST NEA 11 203, Bradford BD1 1BR by Friday, August 26. No stamp required. All survey forms will be entered into a draw to win £100.

Q1: We will need to build a facility to separate different recyclable waste. Would you support the development of that sort of recycling facility? (Please circle one answer)

Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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Q2: We will need to have sites for composting in the district. Would you support the development of compost works in the district?

Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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Name:
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Q3: After increasing the amount of recycling and composting, would you support the development of facilities to process the rest of the waste by

a) mechanical or biological treatment*

Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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b) incineration**

Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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* Mechanical and biological treatment involves sorting the waste by mechanical methods and then allowing the waste to ferment to produce gases. It would take place in an industrial building which would be sited in the district.

** Incineration involves burning waste in an industrial process producing energy. The ash is then sent to landfill.

If you want to know more about either of these processes visit www.bradford.gov.uk/council/waste_management

Address:

Environment Extra

www.bradford.gov.uk



Rubbish is a waste ... of YOUR money

Rubbish is an ever-increasing problem. The amount of waste produced by households in Bradford district has increased by 11% in the last four years and is projected to rise by at least 2.5% every year.

The Council already spends £18 million collecting and disposing of all that rubbish as well as millions of pounds street sweeping, removing chewing gum from pavements, removing graffiti and cleaning up fly-tipping sites.

As the amount of rubbish increases that cost will also increase. And it's all paid for out of the Council

continue to bury the problem in landfill sites.

"The Government is aware of this and is imposing a charge of £18 a tonne in landfill tax on top of the costs of landfill. So, in effect, every Council Tax payer is paying twice to get rid of their rubbish."

One of the simplest, cheapest and most environmentally-friendly ways of reducing the amount of rubbish we produce is to recycle more.

If every resident recycled as much as they could the district's household waste

could be reduced by a massive 60%.

Find out why recycling is so important and how to do your bit on the centre pages of Environment Extra.



COUN Anne Hawkesworth

Would you want this on your doorstep?

Elsewhere in Yorkshire someone has – and it's full of Bradford's waste.

Landfill is basically filling large holes in the ground with rubbish and covering them over. It is the most common way in which the UK disposes of the 30 million tonnes of household rubbish we throw away every year. That's enough rubbish to fill the Albert Hall every hour.

On its own the Bradford district produces around 230,000 tonnes of household waste each year. That's more than a tonne per household or one cubic metre of compacted waste. And over 80% of that ends up in landfills in someone else's backyard!

The possibilities are endless



Household Waste Recycling Centres

The Council has seven Household Waste Recycling Centres across the district at:

- Dowley Gap, Wagon Lane, Bingley;
- Bowling Back Lane, Bradford;
- Ford Hill, Hill End Lane, Queensbury;

- Golden Butts, Golden Butts Road, Ilkley;
- Royd Ings Avenue, Keighley;
- Sugden End, Halifax Road, Keighley;
- Wilson Road, Dealburn Road, Low Moor.

They are open to the public seven days a week, 362 days a year.

For more information contact the Recycling Office on 01274 438883 or visit www.bradford.gov.uk/council/waste_management/recycling

Go to the website above and simply type in your postcode and tick a box against the waste product you want to get rid of and the website will tell you where to go.



'Bring' sites

There are more than 80 bottle banks and recycling 'bring' sites at supermarkets, pubs and car parks across the district.

Other organisations

- Bradford Community Re-paint: Takes unwanted/unused paint. Contact Karen Hutchinson on 01274 737267.
- Bradford Scrapstore: Accepts any rejects, off cuts or over-orders of cardboard, paper, cones and tubes, bobbins, fabrics, wadding, wood, foam, wool, leather, plastic bottles, files and folders. Contact 01274 597704 or visit www.bapa.org.uk
- Savacomp: Takes unwanted/broken IT equipment and refurbishes or recycles it. Contact 01535 692050.
- Furniture Reuse Projects: Newlands Furniture Service (01274 774977); CHAS Housing Aid (01274 731909); Good Neighbour Project (01274 689898); Keighley Furniture Store (01535 601999); Windhill Community Furniture Store (01274 593196).
- KWIC: Collects kitchen and garden waste from Oxenhope only and makes high-quality compost. Contact Pauline Bedford on 01535 648010.
- The Nappy Train: Not-for-profit business provides a convenient nappy laundry service and also sells washable nappies. Contact Ruth or David Weston on 0845 2301381.
- Pennine Waste Exchange: A free service matching businesses with a useable waste or redundant stock with community groups or recyclers. Contact Mike Woodman at Bradford Environmental Action Trust 01274 718420. Or visit online at www.beat.org.uk
- Bradford Biofuels: Collects used vegetable oil from restaurants and other businesses and manufactures biodiesel. Contact Rob Skully on 01274 831340.
- Waste Chasers: Workers' co-operative provides an office recycling service. Contact 01274 720740.

Recycle? What's the point?

Recycling is no longer a lifestyle choice. It's an environmental and economic necessity for every one of us.

That's the message from Council waste chiefs who are swimming against a rising tide of rubbish generated by the district's residents.

"We cannot continue putting as much rubbish into landfills as we do now. It is bad for the environment and for that reason the Government has made sure that it will become a very expensive option," said Richard Wixey, Director of Environmental Services.

"We have to make sure that we provide the means for every household to recycle as much of the rubbish it produces as possible and that those who aren't recycling now do so in the future."

The Council already recycles 17% of the district's household waste through kerbside collections, its seven Household Waste Recycling Centres and 'bring sites' in supermarket and pub car parks across

What you can do to help

If you aren't doing it already, you will be asked to:

- Follow the waste minimisation tips or the Three Rs (see story below)
- Use recycling bins for paper, glass, plastics and garden waste
- Where possible, take up home composting for organic materials and garden waste. Composting bins can be bought at a discounted price from the Recycling Office on 01274 438883 or Straight Recycling on 0845 1306090.
- Take garden waste, cardboard, wood, metal and clothing to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre or 'bring site'
- Take advantage of the recycling facilities offered by organisations such as Bradford Environmental Action Trust (BEAT)
- Consider using 'real nappies' instead of disposable nappies.

the district. But it has been set a target by the Government to recycle over 25% by April 2006 and could be penalised if it does not reach that target.

"People with a 'green' outlook on life tend to be enthusiastic recyclers, it's part of their concern for the environment," added Richard. "Many more people have also made it part of their daily or weekly routine by using our regular recycle bin

collections for paper, glass and tin cans, taking part in pilot schemes for garden waste or by using their local recycling centres.

"Most people say they want to recycle but a significant proportion of the population don't do it. That has to change. We need to get the message across to them that recycling is worth doing, has to be done and that it will cost them in increased

Council Tax if they don't."

In future residents will be asked by the Council to sort more and more materials out of their normal bin.

"In the future we will have to stop using landfill for waste. We will need to process the waste so that it doesn't produce greenhouse gases. But this will all take time and add to the costs of waste disposal," said Richard.

"We would like your views about alternative ways of processing waste, so please complete and return the Freepost survey on the back page of Environment Extra.

"In the meantime recycling is the only long-term environmentally-friendly way of making sure that the growing rubbish problem in the district does not get out of control."

For more information visit www.bradford.gov.uk/council/waste_management/recycling

Follow the Three Rs

Bradford produces around 230,000 tonnes of household waste each year. Before thinking about recycling we should reduce the amount of waste that we create and reuse as much as possible.

By following these easy principles you can look at what you throw away.

Reduce

Take measures to reduce the amount of waste you produce.

- Look out for products with less packaging or refillable products
- Buy loose rather than pre-packed fruit and vegetables
- Reduce paper use by printing or copying on both sides
- Use mail and fax preference services to cut down on unwanted junk mail
- Make your own compost from grass cuttings, vegetable peelings, teabags and eggshells

Reuse

How much of your waste can be reused?

- Donate unwanted clothes, household and electrical goods to charity shops and good causes
- Pass on magazines and books to your local doctors/dentist or hospital
- Reuse envelopes and write on both sides of the paper
- Reuse carrier bags for shopping

Recycle

Make use of kerbside collections that are running throughout the district or take your recyclables to one of the many recycling centres in supermarket, retail, community car parks or visit your local Household Waste Recycling Site.

Getting 'real' about nappies

Bradford Real Nappy Project has hit back following the publication of an Environment Agency report which they feel is seriously flawed. It said that using disposable nappies was no worse for the environment than re-useable washable nappies.

The Project promotes the use of washable nappies as being best and the most sustainable option for families. The

modern alternative to traditional Terry nappies are easy to use, comfy for babies and save money for families.

Cathy Henwood, co-ordinator of the project, said: "The Environment Agency research is based on outdated information about washing, boiling and bleaching Terry squares and not on modern fuel-efficient washing machines and easy-wash modern

nappies at all."

- 8-9 million disposable nappies are thrown away each day in the UK alone.
- Each baby uses an average 4,500 nappies in its nappy-wearing lifetime – that's 30 wheelite bins worth.

For more information contact Cathy Henwood at Bradford Environmental Action Trust on 01274 718420 or e-mail beat.nappy@virgin.net

Young recyclers set a great example



Some of the young recyclers from Copthorne Primary School are (back, left to right) Sohail Iftikhar, Maryam Khan, Sami-Ul Rahman, Iram Rashid and (front, left to right) Saif Khan, Humera Mahboob and Uwais Ali.

Youngsters at Copthorne Primary School in All Saints Road, Little Horton, are the latest school to set an excellent example by introducing and running a classroom paper recycling scheme.

The nine and ten-year-olds have given each classroom a special recycling bin to collect paper in. The class then collects the bins each week and empties them in the school's recycle bin which the Council takes away for recycling.

They started the scheme after asking their teacher Anthe Padden if they could recycle the paper that was being thrown away during lessons.

Mrs Padden said: "They organised it all themselves. They've taken it on really well and are very organised, they even make sure they take all the staples out of the paper. It's great to see children this young taking such an interest in their environment."

There are now more than 109 schools taking part in the Council-run paper recycling scheme, which was introduced over a year ago to encourage children to think about recycling paper.

Government funding from Defra paid for bins for 100 schools to enable them to play an active role in recycling in the classroom and the Council is committed to continue funding the scheme as more schools come on board.

Clean-up is 'go' in Girlington

A pioneering approach to cleaning up a deprived area of Bradford – and keeping it that way – is underway in Girlington.

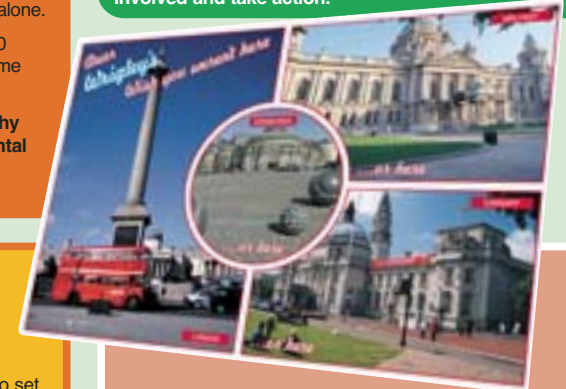
The Go Girlington! campaign is a far-reaching programme of events, education and enforcement to tackle environmental problems in the area. It is one of the biggest co-ordinated clean-ups the Council has ever carried out.

Residents, voluntary groups, religious organisations, schools, businesses and council workers will be getting together in an all-out effort to restore pride to the area, including:

- An amnesty weekend on all rubbish except hazardous waste
- Asking residents to be street champions
- Door-to-door visits to households and businesses
- A litter bin audit
- Unofficial tips on derelict land cleared
- Children doing audits, poster campaigns and video diaries
- Enforcement action taken against those who create environmental problems in the area after the event
- Groups and businesses asked to identify environmental work they can undertake and sign a pledge to do it

A series of environmental messages has been developed by the Council in partnership with the Council for Mosques aimed at raising awareness of the issues and educating people about how they can follow religious teachings in the Quran.

Massood Gondal, of the Council for Mosques, said: "The messages have been developed to help religious leaders link environmental teachings in with prayers. We hope that this will encourage the community to get involved and take action."



Something for gum makers to chew over

Bradford has joined a national campaign in a bid to tackle the scourge of discarded chewing gum which blights the city's streets.

It costs the Council £14,000 every year to clean pavements and pathways of chewing gum. The Council has joined a postcard campaign of cities who have called for manufacturer Wrigley UK, which is responsible for 90% of the market, to contribute to clean-up costs.

The campaign was started by the UK's four capital cities but now involves scores of councils around the country.

Coun Anne Hawkesworth, Executive Member for Environment, signed the postcard, with the message 'Wish You Weren't Here', on Bradford's behalf and sent it off to Wrigley's HQ in Plymouth.

The campaign is asking for chewing gum manufacturers to contribute one penny from each packet they sell to go towards gum clean-up costs and an education campaign. This 'penny per pack' payment would produce a fund of around £9 million.

I'm a Bradford Council Champion Recycler!