

RUBBISH / RECYCLING / BONFIRES

Rubbish

Councillor Steve Williams, Waverley Borough Council Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, said:

“As with many councils across the UK, we have been working hard to try and keep bin collections running as normal during the Coronavirus pandemic. In light of government advice, Community Recycling Centres have had to temporarily shut, and we expect to see an impact on our services because of staff shortages; that’s why we are offering some advice on how to reduce waste and asking for residents’ help during these unprecedented times.”

Waverley Borough Council is appealing to residents to consider the “Five C’s” when it comes to getting rid of rubbish through the Coronavirus pandemic.

- **Consider:** Do I need to create the waste at this point in time – or can it wait?
- **Cut back:** Reduce the quantity of waste produced by the household - and re-use items that can be re-used
- **Compost:** Start composting garden waste
- **Compact:** Reduce the bulk - and store until more frequent collections return
- **Care:** Think about your neighbours, the community, the bin collection teams and other key workers who are doing what they can to help people at this time

www.surreyep.org.uk/bin-collections-what-can-you-do-to-help/

Community recycling centres

Please note that all 15 of Surrey’s community recycling centres are now closed. Residents should check with their district or borough council for the latest household collection updates and are asked to hold onto excess waste to prevent the service from becoming overwhelmed.

Waverley residents can use a new temporary bulky waste collection service via Guildford Borough Council during Coronavirus, see <https://guildford.gov.uk/bulwastc>. Please check the terms and conditions before placing an order as it is different to the usual Waverley service.

There are also private waste disposal companies that you can use for a fee. Please remember, as a householder you are required to take reasonable steps to check that people removing waste from your premises are authorised to do so, including asking the waste carrier to provide you with their full address and telephone number, and asking to see their waste carrier license. Fly-tipping harms the environment and our amenity space. When it happens on public land the costs are met by the tax-payer and on private land the land owner picks up the costs.

Check the Environment Agency's Public Register to see if they are registered:
<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>

Bonfires

The council has also asked residents to consider their neighbours and the wider community and to avoid burning waste.

Councillor Williams added: "Bonfires in back gardens can not only be anti-social but can have a very real impact on people with breathing problems which, of course, under current conditions, needs to be avoided at all costs. They can also present a fire risk which would draw on the already strained resources of the emergency services; garden waste can be composted, or you can store until normal service is resumed."

Those persistently burning waste in their gardens can be liable to a fine of up to £5,000.

For further details and to keep up-to-date with the situation, you can visit www.waverley.gov.uk/bonfires