Right bin... right thing...

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Northumberland County Council

Please keep for reference

www.northumberland.gov.uk

Including offers for home compost bins
Recycling bin

Please put your bin out at the agreed collection point by 7am on collection day. You can check collection details at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Remember not to use bin liners, plastic bags or sacks in your recycling bin. Wrapping things makes it harder to see contamination and more difficult to sort out the recycling at the sorting plant.

✔ Yes please

Cardboard, paper, catalogues, magazines, envelopes, food and drinks cans and aerosols.
Plastic bottles with / without lids (as per advice March 2019).

✘ No thanks

Shredded paper, glass (see page 6), waxed cartons e.g. juice and milk cartons, textiles and clothes (see page 6), foil and foil trays, plastic tops not fixed on bottles, plastic sacks and carrier bags.

It’s good to know:-
You can put empty aerosols in your recycling bin.
General rubbish bin

Please use your general rubbish bin for anything you can’t put in another bin or if you can’t recycle it at a local recycling point.

✔ Yes please

✔ Plastics that aren’t bottles e.g. plastic food trays, plant pots, yogurt pots, cling film, margarine cartons, bubble wrap, carrier bags and sacks
✔ Anything that we can’t recycle, at your kerbside, at a local recycling point or at the Household Waste Recovery Centre.
✔ Foil and foil trays
✔ Shredded paper

✘ No thanks

✘ Anything you can put in the recycling bin.
✘ Garden waste, please sign up for a garden waste collection, buy a home composter or take it to your local Household Waste Recovery Centre.
✘ Glass and old clothes/textiles, please take to your local recycling point (see page 6).

It’s good to know:-
That most of Northumberland’s rubbish which used to go to landfill is now burnt to make electricity.
Many residents in Northumberland have access to a kerbside garden waste collection. This is a paid for service and operates fortnightly throughout the garden season (usually March to November). In 2019 there are 20 collections offered for a fee of £40 per season per bin. Customers have told us that it is very convenient and it saves them fuel and time.

Get in touch to find out if your property can be included (see back page for contact details).

Remember not to use bags to wrap your garden waste – place it loose in the bin.

**Yes please**

Hedge clippings, grass, weeds, leaves and branches (no bigger than 10cm in diameter).

**No thanks**

Kitchen waste or food, pet waste, soil, rubble, fencing and garden fittings or furniture.

**FREE SERVICE FOR A YEAR** - One paid up garden waste customer per month, who chooses to pay online, will be refunded their subscription in the 2019 season, because it is cheaper for us to handle your payment. The sooner you pay, the more draws you’ll qualify for – with one address drawn at random per month (10 in total).
Home compost bins

Why not compost at home?

You can home compost teabags, fruit and vegetable peelings, grass cuttings, vegetarian pet waste, and other garden and kitchen waste. Within a few months it will be transformed into a rich nutritious soil conditioner.

Cost: The council is working with getcomposting.com to offer residents a range of home compost bins, wormeries and accessories at special offer prices from just £18.50 for a 220 Litre compost bin and £20.50 for a 330 Litre compost bin plus £5.99 delivery charge per order.

Order: To see more of the special offers visit www.getcomposting.com or phone 0844 571 4444 (Standard cost from BT landline 5ppm plus setup charge. Other providers may charge more.) Please quote reference NTC13L when contacting getcomposting.

Prices quoted apply until 31 March 2020
Local recycling points—
for glass and textiles

There is a huge network of local recycling points throughout Northumberland – more than 150 in total. They all have containers for glass and some have containers for clothing and textiles. There are too many to list here, but you can find your closest site at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

What about other items?

Beds, sofas and other bulky items

The council has a special collection for these items. Book a collection at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste or phone local number for your area or 0345 600 6400

There is a charge for this service.

Bicycles

Watbike and Recyke y’bike are community projects which accept donated bikes. Trained mechanics and volunteers fix them up to sell to the public to raise funds for running the project. Some are sent to projects in Africa to support schools and community health programmes. Find out if there is a collection point close to you at

Watbike
www.watbus.org.uk/bikes-for-sale
or email cycling@watbus.org.uk or
Recyke y’bike
www.recyke-y-bike.org
Phone 0191 265 4197

Furniture reuse

Donate furniture to organisations which collect or take it away including Salvation Army, Berwick; British Heart Foundation; St Oswalds Hospice; Community Link, Blyth or Hexham Furniture Project. See our website for more information and contact details.

Swap shops

Join one of these free online swap shops to give or take something for free.

www.freecycle.org
www.ilovefreegle.org
www.swapz.co.uk
Household Waste Recovery Centres (HWRCs)

There are twelve HWRCs in Northumberland. They are licensed and provided for Northumberland residents to dispose of their own household waste. They are not licensed for business waste, landlords or property developers, who must pay to get rid of their waste through a registered waste company.

Opening days and hours

The HWRCs are open 7 days a week throughout the year except for Kirkley West Thorn, Allendale, Haltwhistle, North Sunderland and Wooler which are open Friday - Monday inclusive.

April 1st – October 31st 8am until 7.30pm
November 1st – March 31st 8am until 6pm

Rubble, Plasterboard, Soil

DIY waste

Including rubble, soil, plasterboard and ceramic fittings – All vehicles including cars. Small quantities of your own DIY waste can be taken to the site, if you take it yourself. (No businesses, landlords or property developers). There is a limit of 6cu Yards of DIY waste from a household each year. There is a small charge for rubble, soil, plasterboard and ceramic fittings. There is no charge for other DIY materials, garden waste or household waste.

Vehicle permit scheme

Some vehicles - including (but not exclusively) vans, trailers over 5ft and pickups - need a valid permit to use the site. Check our website for more details or phone for advice if you have something other than a car. You will need 2 permits if you are using a permit vehicle and also a permit trailer to carry waste.

Some vehicles are NOT allowed on any of the sites. This includes (but not exclusively) trailers over 9ft 10, vehicles over 3.5 Tonnes, vehicles with more than four wheels and extra large vehicles. If you are unsure, please phone for advice.

Pick up a leaflet at your nearest HWRC or look at it on our website for the latest information and prices.

The information in this leaflet is valid at time of print.
What day is bin day?
Check online at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste

Thank you for recycling

It’s good to know:
45,000 homes checked their collection day online during the Christmas 2018 season.

It’s good to know:
The waste you put in your rubbish bin (as compared to your recycling bin) is taken to Stockton-on-Tees energy from waste plant. It is burnt to produce electricity. Last year your rubbish made enough electricity (47,000 MwH) to power all homes in Bedlington plus a few more streets.

Contact us

Do it online:
www.northumberland.gov.uk

By phone:
0345 600 6400

In person - customer information centres:
Information centres are open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) with the exception of Alnwick Information Centre which closes at 4.30pm on those days.
Find locations at www.northumberland.gov.uk

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