

NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES IN DORSET

Christchurch Council is part of the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP), which includes all seven of the waste authorities in Dorset. The DWP was launched in April 2011 and since then has been looking at different waste collection systems that will allow them to achieve our target of recycling over 60% of all household waste.

Last December Dorset Council approved the introduction of a new waste and recycling service that will reduce the amount of biodegradable waste that is sent to landfill and increase the amount of waste that is recycled, thereby reducing the environmental impact of waste management in the area for the benefit of future generations whilst also avoiding fines levied on councils that send excessive amounts to landfill. The new collection service will operate in Christchurch from October 2012.

Around one third of Dorset's refuse is food waste and this will be collected every week in a container with a tamper-proof lid that could be kept outside. Recycling will be collected fortnightly. Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and cans will be put into a wheeled bin and glass bottles and jars will go in a recycling box.

After food waste and recycling is removed from household bins, there shouldn't be much rubbish left, so this will be picked up fortnightly in a wheeled bin.

An optional chargeable (£35 per annum) garden waste service using a wheeled bin, which is collected fortnightly, will also be available if you wanted to sign-up for this service.

Before the new service is introduced a series of road shows will take place across the Borough offering you the opportunity to talk to recycling officers about how the service will affect you and see examples of the wheeled bins, kitchen caddies and recycling containers.

The new service is designed to be as flexible as possible so that it will be available to all. In April, the DWP will be sending leaflets to all residents in the borough to explain how the service will operate, publicise the dates of the road shows and ask if there are any circumstances that will make it difficult for the new service to be used at their property. The DWP will work with households that don't have space for wheeled bins, residents with mobility problems and households that may need larger or smaller bins to find suitable alternative solutions.

Much more information about the proposed service and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetwasteservice.