

## CHANGES TO YOUR BIN COLLECTIONS

Dear all

I wanted to alert you to the recent leaflet you have received concerning the change in the Waste Collection contract this Autumn.

These changes are occurring to increase the volume of recycling in the County and avoid high payments of Landfill Tax for every tonne of waste sent to Landfill which will cost us all an extra half a million pounds per year if we do not change our processes. Wheeled bins are also cheaper to operate.

This will obviously be a change for all the residents in the Parishes, although I am hoping it will be seen as useful additional service. Change is always difficult and I am hoping that the Parish Councils will do their bit in making this as easy as possible. It is planned that collection days will stay the same, but small changes may be necessary.

These are some changes to the contract I am concerned you need to be aware of.

1. Although you will continue to have a weekly black bag collection you will not receive a black bag each week. Instead your black bags will be delivered twice a year in a role of 26 .
2. Each Household will receive a 240 litre Wheelybin from the Council (free of charge) which will be emptied every fortnight. In the Wheely bin you can put Tins, Drink Cans, Empty Aerosols, Plastic Bottles (but not their tops ) providing you wash them out first. Newspapers, Magazines, Cards and Telephone Directories. Also glass bottles and jars. All wheeled bins need to be left at the from of your property on the assigned collection day.

I am hoping at the next Parish meetings that the new waste contract can be put on the agenda. In particular could the Parish consider

1. Any areas which may be unsuitable for wheely bins (i.e. terrace housing or housing with many steps.) The Council is doing a survey but Parish knowledge will be helpful.
2. Any people who may require assisted collection.
3. Any people who may prefer a smaller 120 litre bin - these need to be positively requested.

Publicity has gone out in Herefordshire matters and is available at info shops etc but I am conscious that this is not always read or understood. Any of the above need to be given to [info@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:info@herefordshire.gov.uk) or 01432 260051 before 31st May. (some of the literature says 30th April, but this has been extended)

I have borrowed two bins and a poster from the Council and put this at the new shop in Bishop's Frome as publicity. If you have any other ideas where these could be displayed please let me know.

The new waste contract will be discussed at the next Pact meetings - Ledbury 11th May, and Bromyard 7th May both 7pm. A senior officer and cabinet member are attending both meetings. I have many extra leaflets if necessary.

I hope the above is useful and thank you for your help.

kind regards

Patricia

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