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Dear Resident

YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS ARE CHANGING

Following the successful implementation of twin stream recycling collections in West Lindsey, North Kesteven and Boston Borough Councils we are writing to advise you of the changes that will now take place across East Lindsey.

1. Recycling changes for residents with grey wheelie bins

From the middle of September 2022, we will be collecting your paper and cardboard separately from the rest of your recycling. This is because we want to help you recycle as much of your waste as possible. Over 12.5 million tonnes of paper and cardboard are used in the UK each year. This accounts for 20% of all household waste produced in the UK, with the average family throwing away around 6 trees worth of paper every year. If every person in the country recycled just 10% more paper it would save approximately 5 million trees each year.

You currently put your paper and cardboard in your grey recycling bin, but because it is mixed with other materials, such as plastic and metals, it often gets contaminated with small amounts of food waste or liquid left in tins/containers. This makes it almost impossible to recycle efficiently.

This is why we will soon be collecting your paper and cardboard in a separate (purple-lidded) bin from the rest of your recycling. The clean, dry paper and cardboard will then be sent directly to a dedicated paper mill who will recycle this into paper-based products.



We want to make this as easy for you as possible, so you will soon have a new purple-lidded bin delivered to your normal bin collection point. Deliveries of these bins will take place between 22nd August and 14th October 2022. When your bin is delivered, please make sure that you place your new bin with your other bins, we would also advise residents to put their house name or number on their new bin.

GREAT NEWS: Many of our residents have asked to recycle glass bottles and jars in their grey recycling bin rather than disposing of these at recycling sites. As part of this new twin stream collection **we can now accept glass bottles and jars in the grey recycling bin with your recyclable plastics and metals.**



In order to reduce the contamination in your recycling, we will **not collect your bins if you put the wrong items in them**. We need to do this to ensure that as much of the waste you have carefully separated for recycling, is actually recycled. We will be working really hard with residents to make sure that you continue to recycle all that you can in the most simple and easiest way. Enclosed with this letter is a new simple guide leaflet on what to do with your waste and recycling at home – Right Thing, Right Bin. If you put anything other than these items in your grey recycling or purple-lidded bins we will not empty your bin(s).



You can keep putting your paper and cardboard in your grey bin until we start the collection of your purple lidded bin.

When to start using your new purple lidded bin

We are taking a phased approach to starting the paper and card collections across the district;

Phase 1: will include properties that currently receive recycling collections on Monday or Friday.

Phase 2: will include properties that currently receive recycling collections on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

To help you with this change, enclosed with this letter is your new collection calendar, colour coded to show you which dates you should present your bins, up to the 31st March 2023.

(Please discard any copies that you may already have for 2022/23.) Information is also available on the website.

Please check your calendar carefully to see when your recycling collections change and please **do not put** any paper and card into your purple-lidded bin any earlier than a fortnight before its first collection.

Collection details can also be found at www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/waste. Please ensure that all of your waste is correctly presented inside your bin and put at the kerbside by 5.30am on your collection day. **We will not collect any waste placed at the side of your bin.**

2. Recycling changes for residents with grey recycling sacks

As you are not able to use a purple-lidded bin we are making alternative arrangements for your recycling collections. From Monday 19th September you will be able to present glass bottles and jars in your grey recycling bags along with paper, card, empty tin cans and clean plastic bottles and food containers. These bags will be collected on your recycling days highlighted in blue on your enclosed collection calendar. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a collection on the purple highlighted days so please do not present your bags on those days as the paper mill that recycles the contents of the purple lidded bins is unable to process plastic sacks.

We are actively searching for a solution to overcome this issue and we will contact you again if further changes are to be made but, in the meantime, you will receive your normal annual delivery of recycling sacks in November.

We are keen to encourage as many residents as possible to use the new wheelie bin, so if you feel that you can accommodate a purple-lidded bin for paper and card please contact East Lindsey District Council on recycling@e-lindsey.gov.uk to arrange a delivery. Collection details can also be found at www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/waste. Please ensure that all of your waste is correctly presented and put at the kerbside by 5.30am on your collection day.

We all need to do everything we can to help our environment by reducing the amount of waste we produce, and reusing items where we can. Please visit www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/waste for information on how to cut down on the waste you produce.

Additional waste, such as following a house move, can also be taken to any Household Waste Recycling Centre across the County, information about these can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste/find-recycling-centre or by telephoning 01522 782070.

Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on our website at www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/waste

Other Waste Collections:

Please be assured that all other waste collection arrangements will continue as normal.

Please note:

We are working with our colleagues at the Waste Disposal Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) to introduce this service. Please be aware therefore that if you contact us regarding your collections your communication may be dealt with by an officer from the County Council.

Thank you for helping East Lindsey District Council to recycle your waste effectively.

Yours sincerely



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