Recycling and waste

Reducing our carbon impacts and improving environmental performance

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LOCAL AUTHORITY WASTE FUNCTIONS

- **Wandsworth Council as a "Waste Collection Authority" (WCA)**

  Collect most household waste/recycling free of charge

- **Western Riverside Waste Authority (WRWA) as a "Waste Disposal Authority"**

  Provide household waste disposal/recycling facilities (Smugglers Way, Wandsworth and Cringle St, Battersea) and arrange the disposal/recycling of waste collected by local WCAs

- **Wandsworth Council and WRWA working in partnership (The "Riverside Waste Partnership")**

  Managing waste up the "Waste Hierarchy"

WANDSWORTH'S WASTE SERVICES

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Refuse: Weekly, unlimited

Recycling: Weekly, unlimited, single stream (mixed paper/card/cartons, glass, cans, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays)

High-rise vs Low-rise: Services & performance

Textile recycling banks: Charity provision on-street + home collections supported

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IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE (1)

A. Reducing household waste

- 8th lowest of 33 London boroughs

- Significance of food waste reduction/decarbonisation

- Home composting (planned trial)

- Communications

B. Increasing recycling

- High-rise performance/trials

- Food waste trial (planned)

- Council information

- New developments

IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE (2)

- **C. Reducing contamination**

  - Apertures/lid locks

  - Communal bin locations

- **D. Reducing the carbon intensity of waste services**

  - Low carbon approaches for our new waste contract, starting in 2024 (e.g. electric vehicles)

  - Managing waste up the "Waste Hierarchy" (Reduce, re-use, recycle, recover, dispose)

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	2015/16	2019/20	Target
Household waste/head (kg/year)	313	291	284 (2022)
Household recycling rate	21.1%	23.7%	24.0% (2020/21)
Recycling contamination	14.1%	13.4%	13.0% (2020/21)
Tonnes of CO2eq/tonne of waste	-0.015 (2017/18)		-0.048 (2022)