



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Recycling is now compulsory

From 4 August you must recycle or you will be fined up to £1,000



Dear resident

I am writing to tell you of an important change to your waste collection service. From 4 August recycling using your green box will be compulsory.

Brent Council has promoted recycling for many years. Thanks to your co-operation, the amount of waste recycled has increased to almost 25 per cent so far this year. However, Government targets and taxes on rubbish sent to landfill have increased significantly. Brent has been set a target to recycle 30 per cent of our waste by 2010 and this is likely to increase to 40 per cent.

The cost of landfill is also increasing, with landfill tax going up by £8 a tonne every year. This will cost around £700,000 extra – or about 13 per cent more – a year, if we do nothing. We are limited by the amount of waste we can send to landfill. We will be fined if we do not comply costing the council and you, the resident, more money.

Landfill sites are also a major contributor of methane gas. We all recognise we have a responsibility for tackling climate change and preserving our environment for future generations.

Two-thirds of your daily rubbish can be recycled. If you are among the 80 per cent of households served by the green box collection system, and don't recycle, I urge you to start as soon as possible. This leaflet tells you how. The council is happy to help if you have any problems.

For those few people who refuse to recycle the message is quite clear – you could receive a fixed penalty notice or a fine of up to £1,000. Recycling is easy using your green box.

Let's work together to make Brent one of the best recycling boroughs in Britain.

Yours sincerely,

CLlr Paul Lorber Leader of Brent Council



020 8937 5050

www.brent.gov.uk/recycling

Compulsory recycling

How do I take part?

It's easy to recycle using your green box.

- Order one on 020 8937 5050 or www.brent.gov.uk/recycling
- Place the items listed opposite inside it
- Please put your green box at the front of your property where our collection crews can see it easily (but not on the pavement)
- Put it out by 7am on the same day as your rubbish collection



Why is Brent making recycling compulsory?

- The cost of sending rubbish to landfill is soaring
- The extra cost will be passed on to you as a council tax payer if we don't recycle more
- Two-thirds of what we throw away can be recycled
- It's easy to recycle using your green box
- Let's work together to make Brent one of the best recycling boroughs in Britain

How will the council check whether I'm recycling?

We collect your green box weekly so it is easy to see if you are recycling.

What if I already use my green box to recycle?

Thank you. Please try to recycle as much as you can in your green box.

What if I recycle but don't want to use my green box?

It's easy to use your green box but if you are recycling in other ways, you must let us know.

What if I am physically unable to lift the green box?

We can provide a special assisted collection service for disabled and elderly people. Please call us on 020 8937 5050.

What if I'm not sure what to do?

This leaflet should answer your questions. But if you still have problems taking part, you must tell us and we will help you. Call us on 020 8937 5050.

What does the law say?

The Government requires Brent to recycle 30 per cent of its waste by 2010.

Under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Brent Council can require local people to put their rubbish in different containers.

Under our scheme, you are not allowed to put things into your rubbish bin which can be recycled with your green box. You could be fined up to £1,000 or receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if you don't recycle them.

Why can't I recycle cardboard in my green box?

We are sorry but cardboard is too bulky for our vehicles. But you can still recycle it by:

- using an organic bin, if you are eligible for the service
- or taking it to the Brent Reuse and Recycling Centre at Abbey Road, Park Royal, NW10 7TJ.

Why can't I recycle drinks cartons in my green box or organic bin?

Drinks carton like those used for fruit juice and soup have a waxed, plastic or foil coating inside.

It is easy to recycle them at Sainsbury or Tesco in the borough, Asda at Forty Lane or the Brent Reuse and Recycling Centre, Abbey Road, Park Royal.

Brent Council will not tolerate any form of physical or verbal abuse against our crews, advisors or officers.



What you must recycle

	PAPER	✓ Newspapers, magazines and telephone directories
	GLASS	✓ Green, brown and clear glass bottles and jars
	METALS	✓ Food and drink cans, aerosol cans, aluminium foil
	PLASTIC BOTTLES	✓ Plastic bottles only Please remove lids, rinse and squash
	TEXTILES	✓ Textiles and clothes Please put in plastic bag
	SHOES	✓ Tie together in pairs
	BATTERIES	✓ Car batteries, household batteries Please put in a clear plastic bag
	ENGINE OIL	✓ Used or unwanted engine oil Please ensure container lid is tightly closed

What do I put in each container?

In your green box...

- Paper – Newspapers, magazines and telephone directories
- Glass – Green, brown and clear glass bottles and jars
No broken glass
- Cans – Food and drink cans, aerosol cans, aluminium foil
- Plastic bottles only – Please remove lids, rinse and squash
- Textiles and clothes – Please put in plastic bag
- Shoes – Tie together in pairs
- Car batteries and household batteries – Please put in a clear plastic bag



- Engine oil – Please ensure container lid is tightly closed

In your green organics bin...

(if you have one)

- Garden waste – Dead flowers, grass cuttings, edge/branch trimmings, weeds, fallen fruit
- Food waste – Egg shells, tea bags, coffee grounds, food scraps, bones and peel
Please wrap food in newspaper
- Cardboard – Boxes, card cereal boxes and card egg boxes
- Please no plastics, soil or rubble



In your grey rubbish bin...

- Broken glass
- Broken crockery
- Vacuum cleaner dust
- Lids from bottles and jars
- Nappies
- Pet faeces
- Plastic trays and pots
- Plastic carrier bags
- Plastic wrappings
- Washing powder boxes
- Wood
Small pieces
- Wrapping paper

