

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

Dear Resident

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To maximise the amount of material recycled from 1 March 2005 it will be compulsory for all households to separate their waste for recycling as follows:

Residents must place glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, and paper and magazines in the Black Box provided by the Council for recycling.

Residents must not place these materials in their wheeled refuse bin.

If your household does not have a Black Box or requires an additional box, please phone 020 8371 3670 or email barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk.

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I urge you to recycle more of your household waste and regularly use your Black Box. I thank residents who already recycle regularly. However, only 21% of household waste in the borough is currently recycled and the Council's set target is 30% for 2005/06.

I am sure you will agree that recycling is beneficial. Disposing of waste through incineration or landfill is expensive and causes environmental damage. Sites are scarce, costs are soaring, and the Council pays tax on waste sent to landfill. By recycling we will minimise these costs but in addition if we achieve our 30% target the Council will receive a performance grant that we will use to keep the council tax down.

Residents who already recycle as much of their waste as they can will notice no difference as a result of this new approach. If you have any queries regarding this letter please read the enclosed frequently asked questions sheet, visit www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling or contact 020 8359 7400.

Remember recycling is quick, easy, and beneficial to everyone. Making recycling compulsory for all households is central to creating a cleaner, greener Barnet.

Yours sincerely



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