

FROM EDDC - Friday 8 Jan 10

Please see the message received only this morning from the district council on two aspects of household waste disposal:

1. Refuse collections not undertaken due to bad weather
2. Changes to collection services from March 2010.

1. EDDC - FRIDAY , 8 JANUARY 2010.

REFUSE, RECYCLING and BROWN BIN COLLECTIONS .

I regret to inform you that the estate roads and footways are too dangerous for us to carry out refuse, recycling or brown bin collections today.

We will, however, be carrying out refuse and recycling collections today from Wimborne town centre as the roads there are safe and most footways are clear.

To avoid missing three Friday collections (having not collected on Christmas Day or New Year's Day) we plan to carry out refuse collections on Monday 11th from those properties that don't receive their collection today, but only if the road and footway conditions have improved by Monday.

Unfortunately this will mean that the Christmas tree collections that we had scheduled to carry out on Monday 11th in the Ferndown, Colehill, Wimborne and Corfe Mullen areas will now be delayed to Monday 18th.

We will publicise all this information on dorsetforyou.com and set up a recorded message on our telephone system.

Residents may choose to take excess recycling to one of our recycling centres and take their refuse to the Brook Road or Somerley household recycling centre. Residents with permits in Corfe Mullen can take their refuse to the Nuffield HRC and residents with permits in the Ferndown/West Parley/West Moors/3LX areas to the Milhams HRC.

The only positive side to the cold conditions is that there shouldn't be too many odours from the waste that residents are

having to store on their property.

I apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause and hope that conditions will improve next week.

2. We will be making some major changes to our Green Bag & Box and Brown Bin collection rounds in March 2010.

You will see that the new collection rounds work in a 'sweep' across the district and will result in more crews working in adjacent areas. This will make it easier for us to arrange support for crews if there are vehicle problems and to more efficiently deal with catch up work after public holidays (and disruption caused by snow and ice!). The new rounds will make the change to the new recycling collection vehicles more efficient when they are introduced in Spring 2011 and will also allow us to serve an additional 185 properties in rural areas (there will only be 75 properties in the District that will not have access to our kerbside recycling service).

All residents who receive a kerbside recycling service will be sent a letter during the first 2 weeks in February that will explain how the changes will effect them. I attach an example of a letter (there are 26 variations dependant on the collection days) that will be sent to residents. Each letter will also include new versions of our sorting guide(s), which explain what can and cannot be collected, together with a date card showing the new collection days for our fortnightly Green Bag & Box service and a battery/ phone bag.

The new rounds will commence on 1 March 2010.

There will be no changes to refuse collection days.

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