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RECYCLING IN NORTH DORSET

The kerbside recycling scheme is changing. From December this year the council will be extending its kerbside recycling scheme to include glass in selected houses across the district. Glass will be incorporated onto the recycling rounds in a series of phases so keep a look out to see if you are on a round.

Residents on a glass round will receive a green plastic sack to put newspapers, magazines and junk mail in (please remove all envelopes and plastics first). The aim of the bag is to make it even easier for local residents to recycle paper and to stop the paper getting wet in the winter.

Here in North Dorset we have one of the highest participation rates for recycling in the county. This is due to your dedication in recycling household rubbish, whether it is through our kerbside recycling scheme, recycling banks or civic amenities centres.

Currently we recycle 17.3% each year but want to increase this figure to even more. To encourage local residents to recycle we are launching a cans for trees campaign on the 17 October in association with Alupro. For every tonne of cans collected on our kerbside recycling scheme a tree will be planted in the district next July.

We are also encouraging residents to compost kitchen waste items such as potato peelings and lawn mowings. For a free 60 day trial of a compost converter from Blackwall Ltd phone 0870 844 3007. Composting is the perfect way for you to benefit from your own recycled organic waste. Or for a free composting guide please ring customer services on 01258 484246.

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