

ADVICE ON DEALING WITH RUBBISH AND WASTE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH RESIDENTS

Household rubbish and waste

There are fortnightly domestic collections of rubbish and recycling. *If* your household is large and typically has more waste than other residences then you can ask the Council to provide larger or additional containers.

If you only exceptionally have excess rubbish then there are dumpsters by the tower blocks in Beckton Place, off Brook Street, that take rubbish in normal black, plastic rubbish bags.

Boilers and cookers etc

Items with a large metal content can be taken to a number of scrap merchants in the borough (just Google to find them). They will even pay you a few pounds. Alternatively, they will collect for free if you let them know *and* leave the item outside the front of your property with a note on it saying it is for collection. (Note: If you are *selling* items that are *not* clearly household objects (such as wire and sheet metal) then you will need to provide ID (driving licence or passport).)

Mini-recycling centre

There are 50 mini-recycling centres in Bexley borough. Northumberland Heath has one in the Mill Rd car park next to the Library. It will accept: paper, cans, glass, shoes, clothing and small electrical items.

Main borough recycling centres

The London Borough of Bexley operates two reuse and recycling centres which can be used by residents to recycle a wide range of materials and to dispose of bulky household waste free of charge. The one closest to the Heath (ten minutes drive away) is the Thames Road reuse and recycling centre at Thames Road, Crayford, DA1 5QJ. It is free but you may need a residents' permit which is available free from the Council, or some bills proving that you are a Bexley borough resident (best is a copy of your rates bill as that proves you are a ratepayer). The Thames Rd site is open everyday 7.30am - 4pm. Bexley residents are entitled to deposit up to half a tonne of domestic waste a year free of charge.

New and getting rid of old

If you are buying a new, bulky item such as a fridge or whatever, then a number of the N. Heath traders will remove your old item from you when you buy the new one. When considering buying, just ask them to see if they provide this service. This is one other advantage of supporting your local traders.

Hazardous waste

Hazardous waste can be collected free of charge by the hazardous waste collection service.

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/commercial-waste-and-recycling/Pages/hazardous-and-clinical-waste.aspx>

Never, ever...

The above said and done, never ever dump rubbish in alleys. The alleys are not the responsibility of Councils but the local residents themselves. The Council is only responsible for public roads and not private alleys. See also <http://www.bexley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10445>