

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### Thanks paid to Fenland's refuse crews

Well wishes and thanks have been paid to Fenland District Council's waste and recycling crews as they go above and beyond during the coronavirus crisis.

The Council's waste and recycling service has been running as normal, with all blue, green and brown bin collections and trade waste collections scheduled being completed on time.

Although the service may have to be adapted as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, crew members are pulling out all the stops to ensure the essential service can continue running as normal for as long as possible.

With the team stretched to capacity, many are working rest days and postponing annual leave to make sure rounds are completed.

And their efforts haven't gone unnoticed, with messages of thanks and well wishes shared on the Council's Facebook page.

Comments included:

"Thanks very much guys, much appreciate what you're all doing. Keep up the great work."

"Thank you to all of you doing a great job in difficult times."

"Brilliant job guys, thank you for keeping some normality in our lives."

"Well done everyone. You are all fantastic."

"Thanks to your collector today for our conversation via sign language, checking if I am OK. Stay safe."

The crews are observing the Government's social distancing guidelines at the Council's waste and refuse depot in Melbourne Avenue, and being extra vigilant with handwashing and hygiene.

Residents can use bleach and domestic cleaners to wipe down bins and bin handles before and after collection if they wish.

Councillor Peter Murphy, the Council's Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said: "The lovely comments crews have received in person and on Facebook have meant so much to them. They really are among Fenland's key workers, going the extra mile to make sure our essential refuse service continues as normal for as long as possible.

"I'm sure residents will understand that we may have to adapt the way we deliver this service in the coming days, weeks and months ahead, but their understanding and support means a lot in these difficult and challenging times."

Waste and recycling service updates are posted on the Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts (@FenlandCouncil) and on its website at: [www.fenland.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/coronavirus) which also includes the latest coronavirus advice for residents and businesses.

Bulky waste collections are also being completed on schedule although residents are asked to only book these in exceptional circumstances.

Anyone who is self-isolating due to coronavirus symptoms should remember to double-bag their personal and hygienic waste, such as used tissues and cleaning cloths, to help prevent the spread of infection. It should then be set aside from other waste for 72 hours, to kill the virus, before being disposed of with the normal household waste (green bin). You can treat regular household recycling as normal.

For more information, visit the Personal Waste Advice page at:  
[www.fenland.gov.uk/article/14807/COVID-19-Personal-waste-advice](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/article/14807/COVID-19-Personal-waste-advice)

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