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Recycling week: It's in our hands

It's Recycling Week (23–28 September) and Recycle Now is asking people to take recycling into their own hands and take more action to protect our environment.

In Bexley almost 50% of the material currently put into the green refuse bins could be recycled!

Simple things that we can all do to increase our recycling include:

- Recycle more food. Why not start with teabags?
- Recycle more plastic. Please remember to empty plastic bottles and containers before you recycle them.
- Make sure these items never go in the recycling bin: [insert top local contaminants]

Local residents who are part of the Borough's recycling reward scheme, London Green Points – Bexley, are rewarded for recycling. As well as individual rewards such as gift vouchers, the scheme gives charity donations to local communities. You can sign up for free by visiting bexley.localgreenpoints.com, or for those in flats bexleyflats.localgreenpoints.com

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Places, said: "Bexley is already a leading Borough for recycling. We are proud to have been the number one London Borough for Recycling for 14 years in a row, but there is always more that we can do."

"That's why we're making changes to our recycling services later this year, when we will be replacing the current boxes with wheelie bins. It's also why we've bought sturdier food recycling boxes and are giving these to residents free of charge."

From November, residents will get a blue lidded bin for paper and cardboard and a white lidded bin for plastics, glass, cans and cartons. Delivering all the new bins will take up to 14 weeks. You will be able to find out when you will receive your new bins from the end of October at www.bexley.gov.uk/recycling-changes

You can order your new sturdier food box at www.bexley.gov.uk/foodboxes

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