

## Waste collection days to change from 28 February for most Wiltshire residents

The household waste collection days for nearly all Wiltshire properties will change from Monday 28 February, as Wiltshire Council seeks to make the rounds more efficient.

This change will only affect the general household waste collections – there is no change to recycling or garden waste collections, which will still take place on their usual day for all residents.

To help residents with the change, every household will receive a personalised information letter that explains how their collection day will change and what they need to do. They'll also have a hanger label placed on their general household waste bin on their last collection under the old schedule that will give them more information. Letters will start landing on doormats from 31 January and during the following two weeks, while people will start to see the hangers on their household waste bins from 14 February.

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Waste, said: "Changing the waste collection day for nearly every household in Wiltshire will enable us to make our rounds more efficient, help reduce our carbon emissions and save more than £1.5m over the next five years.

"While we're making these savings, our waste contractors, Hills, will maintain the current number of collections staff, as there are a number of vacant positions that will now not be filled.

"This change only affects what we call residual waste, which is essentially the general household rubbish bins, and not the recycling or garden waste collections – these collection days will stay the same across the county.

"From 31 January and for the following two weeks, all households will receive a letter that explains the changes and details their new collection day, so people don't need to do anything until they receive their letter.

"We look forward to these new rounds helping to reduce our carbon emissions and deliver value for our residents."

To find out more about waste collections, people should go to:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste)