

Amesbury Area Board – 23 February 2012 Chairman's Announcements

Fortnightly waste and recycling collections

Wiltshire Council has decided to offer all residents the same, high quality, waste and recycling service and offer improved recycling opportunities for all. Wiltshire currently sends 37% of the waste it collects to landfill and recycles 41% of household waste. We need to recycle more and landfill less. Landfill Tax currently costs £56 per tonne and this will rise to £80 per tonne by 2014.

From early February 2012, the council will be delivering new, green lidded, garden waste bins to those residents who signed up before 1 December 2011. If you missed the deadline but want to opt-in to the new, non-chargeable, garden waste collection service, you can sign up to receive your bin in summer 2012. You can do this on-line via the council's website, by telephoning the council or by completing a form. If you currently receive a garden waste collection service or if you have already signed up for the new service you don't need to take any further action. The new garden waste service will commence from the 26th March.

From the 26th March residents of south Wiltshire will also move to fortnightly collections of household waste. In early March residents will receive a collection calendar and information leaflet through the post setting out collection dates for all the services. Residents will also be reminded on the date of their last weekly collection of household waste that future collections will be fortnightly.

While the vast majority of residents will manage the new waste and recycling collection services well, the council is aware that some residents may experience some difficulties. This could be because you do not have storage space for the new bins, you have a large family or a member of your family creates medical waste. Please contact the council if you are experiencing difficulties and we will work with you to resolve any problems.