

West Oxfordshire waste collections affected by long bank holiday

Householders in West Oxfordshire are being asked to check their refuse and recycling collections days over the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday weekend - as well as after the celebrations have finished - to ensure they know when their bins and containers need to be presented at the kerbside for emptying.

The Council is suspending waste collections over the double bank holiday (Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June) and as a result, all households will experience a change to their collection days over the following fortnight as collections are pushed back.

To accommodate the catch up, crews will be working two consecutive six-day weeks (Monday-Saturday) when they return on Monday 6 June.

Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Cabinet Member for Environment, West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Many of us will be honouring the Queen's seventy years on the throne at the beginning of June and enjoying the long bank holiday break. We are pleased that Ubico's refuse and recycling crews will also have the opportunity to take part in the celebrations and get to spend time with their families and friends to mark this momentous occasion. So that residents know when they can expect their waste collections to take place over the following couple of weeks, we would encourage householders to visit our website and download a copy of their property's annual waste calendar which lists all the planned changes to their collection schedule throughout the year.

"Street cleansing teams will be out working over the long bank holiday weekend to ensure our town centres are kept clean and tidy and to empty litter bins over this busy time. To help us keep the district looking its best, members of the public who may be organising or attending street parties to mark the Platinum Jubilee can play their part by remembering to take their rubbish home and help reduce waste by recycling what they can."

Changes to waste collections over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday are as follows:

Collection Due	Revised Collection
Thursday 2 June	Monday 6 June
Friday 3 June	Tuesday 7 June
Monday 6 June	Wednesday 8 June
Tuesday 7 June	Thursday 9 June
Wednesday 8 June	Friday 10 June
Thursday 9 June	Saturday 11 June
Friday 10 June	Monday 13 June
Monday 13 June	Tuesday 14 June
Tuesday 14 June	Wednesday 15 June
Wednesday 15 June	Thursday 16 June
Thursday 16 June	Friday 17 June
Friday 17 June	Saturday 18 June

Residents are reminded that the Household Recycling Centres managed by Oxfordshire County Council, including Dix Pit at Stanton Harcourt, will open as normal over the bank holiday weekend. Sites are open every day from 8am-5pm (with extended opening until 8pm on Thursdays between April to September).

Annual waste calendars can be downloaded from West Oxfordshire District Council's website (www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/check-your-collection-day/) or residents can call the Council's customer services team on 01993 861000 to request a hard copy.

Waste and recycling services will return to normal from Monday 20 June.