

# Important information about your household waste recycling centre



We are making changes to how we run household waste recycling centres that will improve the service we provide for residents.

These changes will:

- ✓ Help increase recycling across Greater Manchester
- ✓ Stop the illegal use of household waste recycling centres by traders and other businesses
- ✓ Reduce queuing at busy times
- ✓ Help businesses understand their legal obligations when disposing of waste
- ✓ Help us to monitor visitor numbers to stop illegal use by traders

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Greater Manchester's  
waste **to good use**



## Visit allowance for residents

To deter traders, we are introducing limits on the number of times household waste recycling centres can be used by residents of Greater Manchester (excluding Wigan) each year, dependent on the type of vehicle used.

The limit will still give you plenty of access to dispose of and recycle your household waste. **The purpose of the limit is to stop businesses using household waste recycling centres, not prevent residents from visiting.**

## Greater Manchester household waste recycling centre resident visit allowances

TYPE OF VEHICLE	VISITS PER YEAR
 Cars and cars with single axle trailers	52
 Cars with a double axle trailer	18
 Vans up to 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight	18
 Vans above 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight	12

**These visit allowances will be introduced in February 2020 and apply to all Greater Manchester's household waste recycling centres. If you use more than one household waste recycling centre, all your visits count towards your total allowance.**

**You do not have to keep a record of your visits.** To keep our household waste recycling centres user-friendly, we have introduced a new automatic number plate recognition system that will monitor the number of times each vehicle has used the household waste recycling centre. New digital display boards at the entrance will show your registration number as you enter and the number of visits will be calculated on a central system.

**If you are using a hire vehicle, please bring your hire documents with you, as well as proof of address such as a utility bill.**

## Recycling rubble

If you are recycling rubble from a DIY project, you are only allowed to bring **five average-sized (approximately 900mm x 600mm) rubble sacks or bags per visit**.

This is designed to stop traders illegally using household waste recycling centres for disposing of large quantities of rubble.



## Waste from tradespeople

If you are having building work done to your house by a trader, **they are legally responsible for removing the waste**. They should factor the cost of this waste removal into their quote and charge you accordingly.

It is your responsibility to make sure that they have a valid waste carrier's licence and that they provide details of where the waste will be taken for disposal.



## Help us recycle more

You can recycle and dispose of **almost 40 different types of items** at our household waste recycling centres.

As well as cardboard, scrap metal and wood, you can also recycle items like batteries, clothes and electrical items.

You can find an A-Z guide to waste and recycling on the Recycle for Greater Manchester website [www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com](http://www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com).



**Please separate your waste and recycling at home first.** This will reduce queuing when you visit and help us recycle more.

## Important information for traders and businesses

**It is illegal to dispose of trade or business waste at any of our household waste recycling centres. Household waste recycling centres are only for residents to dispose of their household waste.**

To dispose of trade or business waste legally, you must follow duty of care legislation:

- ✓ **Provide a waste transfer note for every load that leaves your premises.**
- ✓ **Take waste to a licensed waste facility or use a commercial waste collection service. This will be chargeable.**
- ✓ **Make sure you or your waste collection service are registered to dispose of commercial waste.**

SUEZ operates seven licensed waste facilities with a weighbridge where you can safely and legally dispose of trade or business waste. Full details of these sites can be found at [www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com/business](http://www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com/business)

Automatic number plate recognition systems and new access restrictions at all our household waste recycling centres will help us monitor visitors and identify illegal use.

**We take environmental crime very seriously and will investigate any suspected illegal use of our household waste recycling centres by traders or other businesses, supported by the police, Environment Agency and local authorities.**

We will seek prosecution where businesses are found to be disposing of waste illegally.

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