
CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT

Waste & Recycling Collections Update

As a result of the ongoing strike action, the only change to collection services currently is the collection of absorbent hygiene waste products (e.g. nappies) alongside residual (black bin) waste. Residents are being asked to present their hygiene waste in bags alongside their black bin or bags.

With the strike action adding to the usual seasonal pressures on the service area over the Christmas and New Year period, the Council is aware that several areas did experience some disruption to services and delays in collections and would like to thank members and the public for their patience during this period. I would also like to thank collection staff for their hard work during this challenging period.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees can still be delivered to recycling centres without a booking at the Recycling Centres. The Christmas tree drop-off point in Heath Park car park was extremely successful, with over 1,399 trees being recycled over two days, resulting in over 12 tonnes of recycled green waste.

Segregated Recycling – Next Phase

The service is making changes to recycling collections, which aim to improve the quality of the materials we collect from residents. This means more of it will remain within the UK to be recycled to create new products rather than being sent abroad, which reduces carbon emissions and helps prevent climate change.

From the week commencing Tuesday 20 February 2024, a further 36,000 properties in the city will begin segregated recycling in the following areas:

- Ely
- Gabalfa
- Grangetown
- Heath West
- Llandaff
- Pentwyn
- Pentyrch
- Radyr
- Rhiwbina
- Splott
- Trowbridge

This will mean over 45,000 properties in Cardiff will be participating in the segregated recycling scheme from February 2024. The final phase is planned to be undertaken in summer 2024, with a further 80,000 properties being moved to the segregated recycling service.

Taxi Emissions

As part of our clean air actions, the Council has been looking at ways in which we can support Cardiff's registered Hackney Carriage licenced vehicles to continue to transition to lower emission vehicles, reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality. We know upgrading vehicles can be expensive for drivers, and we are trying to find ways to provide support where we can.

Before Christmas, we sought feedback from companies and taxi drivers as to what kind of support would be needed, and how it could be administered in a fair and equitable way. We are currently looking at the potential for establishing a pilot small grant scheme, which we hope to launch later in Spring 2024. Whilst the pilot scheme won't have the funds to support all Hackney Carriage vehicles, it is hoped that it will support a number of vehicles and provide evidence to support applications for further funding.

One Planet Cardiff

A new One Planet Cardiff Programme Manager, funded by Innovate UK, commenced work with the Council in December 2023 and has responsibility for leading a project which will look at how we can build Climate Emergency related thinking into our corporate processes. The Innovate UK support recognises that there is no clearly established national process for this type of approach and, therefore, Cardiff will be very much at the forefront of exploring and testing potential options. We expect the project to be very challenging, but fundamentally important to how the Council addresses the Climate Emergency.

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