

RECYCLING PERFORMANCE 2011/12

Overall Performance (Recycling and Composting Rate)

- The top 5 authorities for overall performance 2011/12:
 1. Vale of White Horse DC = 68.7% (37.27% dry recy [2nd] & 31.28% compost [13th])
 2. South Oxfordshire DC = 67.9% (36.95% dry recy [3rd] & 30.81% compost [18th])
 3. Rochford DC = 67.4% (28.87% dry recy [57th] & 38.32% compost [3rd])
 4. Surrey Heath BC = 65.0% (39.22% dry recy [1st] & 25.59% compost [68th])
 5. Stockport MBC = 62.6% (27.37% dry recy [89th] & 35.24% compost [7th])
- UDC is in 32nd place with overall performance of 54.5% (35.47% dry recy [5th] & 19% compost [154th])
- Of the councils in the top 5 for overall performance all operate garden waste collection schemes:
 - Vale of White Horse: Fortnightly garden waste collection of 240l bin - £37/yr
 - South Oxfordshire: Fortnightly garden waste collection of 240l bin - £34/yr
 - Rochford: Weekly food and garden waste collection in 240l bin - FOC
 - Surrey Heath: Fortnightly garden waste collection in 240l bin - £49.95/yr
 - Stockport: Weekly food and garden waste collection in 240l bin – FOC
- Three other Essex Authorities lie higher up the table than UDC for overall performance 2011/12:
 - Rochford DC = 67.4% (28.87% dry recy [57th] & 38.32% compost [3rd])
 - Epping Forest BC = 59.6% (28.41% dry recy [63rd] & 31.19% compost [14th])
 - Braintree DC = 55.7% (24.61% dry recy [161st] & 31.10% compost [15th])
- All three Essex authorities with higher overall performance than UDC operate free of charge garden waste collections. Garden waste makes up a significant proportion of their overall performance

Dry Recycling Performance

- The top 5 authorities for dry recycling performance 2011/12:
 1. Surrey Heath BC = 39.22% dry recycling
 2. Vale of White Horse DC = 37.27% dry recycling
 3. South Oxfordshire DC = 36.95% dry recycling
 4. Darlington BC = 36.94% dry recycling
 5. Uttlesford DC = 35.47% dry recycling
- Dry recycling collections vary between the authorities but all collect broadly similar spectrum of materials to UDC, the only notable addition is the fortnightly kerbside collection

Comparative Performance in Essex

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of batteries by Vale of White Horse & South Oxfordshire and the fortnightly kerbside collection of small WEEE and batteries by Surrey Heath

- Uttlesford remain the top performing authority within Essex for dry recyclables

Composting performance (Food and garden waste)

- The top 5 authorities for composting performance 2011/12:
 1. Harborough DC = 42.46%
 2. Three Rivers DC = 40.59%
 3. Staffordshire Moorlands DC = 40.06%
 4. Rochford DC = 38.32%
 5. Teignbridge DC = 36.98%
- UDC is in 154th place with 19% composting rate (these figures are prior to the introduction of the kerbside garden waste service)
- All of the top 5 authorities provide a garden waste collection free of charge and all but Harborough DC collect food waste
- 7 Essex authorities lie higher up the composting performance table than UDC 2011/12:
 1. Rochford = 38.32% composted (4th)
 2. Epping Forest = 31.19% composted (14th)
 3. Braintree = 31.1% composted (15th)
 4. Basildon = 24.85% composted (76th)
 5. Chelmsford = 24.4% composted (86th)
 6. Castle Point = 22.6% composted (107th)
 7. Brentwood = 19.22% composted (148th)
- All of the Essex authorities with higher composting performance than UDC operate a free of charge garden waste collection service (Castle Point and Brentwood offer a limited number of free sacks and then additional sacks can be purchased)