

Changes ahead for your recycling centres

To reflect the 25 per cent reduction in custom throughout the winter months, the five household recycling centres (HRC's) in Gloucestershire will be reducing their opening hours as of October 28th.

As the evenings get colder and darker, the HRC's across the county receive less waste and recycling; by almost 30 per cent. In order to reflect this and save taxpayers money, seasonal opening times are being introduced.

When the clocks go back an hour, HRC's will be open from 10am until 4pm. Each centre will also be closing for one day a week.

When summer returns in 2019, HRC's will open an hour earlier at 9am and close an hour later at 5pm. Each site will still close one day a week.

A great deal of consideration has been given to seasonal and daily site usage patterns at each of the centres. These changes are not only reflective of when they are used, they are also supporting a reduction in the budget for this service and making sure the council is living within its means.

Cllr Nigel Moor, cabinet member responsible for household recycling centres at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "A lot of research, monitoring and consideration went into this decision; this solution will not only allow the council to make savings, but it also means our HRC's are open when the public need them to be.

"Recycling is very much a council priority and we are committed to reaching our target of 60% recycling by 2020. These changes aren't coming into affect until the end of October; more information can be found on our recycle for Gloucestershire website."

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Notes to editors

The full report can be found online: <http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s48456/LCM%20Report%20-%20HRC%20Opening%20Hours%20Final.pdf>