

Recycling centres restricted to essential use only

Residents should only visit the Recycling Centres if absolutely necessary. Those with small amounts of waste which are suitable to be placed in the kerbside collection, those over 70, those who are self isolating (vulnerable or displaying symptoms of COVID 19) should not visit the sites from today (Mon 23 March) until further notice.

The new measures follow thousands of people using Devon's recycling centres over the weekend and not adhering to Government advice and the social distancing guidelines.

Staff at Devon's 17 open Household Waste Recycling Centres are limiting vehicle access at the gates to enforce the government's social distancing guidelines.

There will be in a 'no assistance/no contact' policy in place at recycling centres and users are requested to lift/handle their own waste and adopt the social distancing guideline..

People with large volumes of waste should consider alternatives such a skip hire or Hippo bags. Home composting should be practised where possible. Residents should delay projects that generate large volumes of waste such as clearing out the shed/garage. Waste should be held at home where possible.

Credit/debit cards will be the only form of payments accepted for chargeable waste – no cash. Resale shops are already closed.

Those still wishing to use the recycling centres for essential purposes should expect lengthy traffic queues and therefore should only visit if absolutely necessary.