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New recycling service set to launch

Residents are being alerted to the launch of a new recycling service in West Oxfordshire.

From October, all households will use a wheelie bin for recycling, except for glass which will be collected from their existing black box.

The recycling service will become fortnightly, alternating with household rubbish and residents will be issued with a new recycling wheelie bin between July and September in readiness for the change.

In addition, small electrical items such as kettles, hairdryers and mobile phones will be recycled at the kerbside. There will be no changes to fortnightly household rubbish and none to weekly food collections while garden waste will continue to be collected fortnightly provided residents have a licence.

A letter explaining the changes to the service which will be run by local authority company Ubico from October will be sent to residents during the week beginning 10 July with delivery of the new wheelie bins taking place from 17 July.

Cllr Carol Reynolds, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "These changes will mark a major improvement in our service and should help boost recycling rates still further.

"But it is important that residents familiarise themselves with what is new to ensure the changeover happens as smoothly as possible."

For further information including an in-depth Q&A about the new service, see www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins2017

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Notes to editors:

- The new service will replace the current system of placing all recyclables into black boxes.
- Ubico, a local authority owned company, is already running grounds maintenance, street cleansing, garden waste and other depot services for West Oxfordshire District Council. It is owned by a consortium of councils including Cotswold, Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Stroud, Tewkesbury and West Oxfordshire.

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