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Recycling and waste news for the Horsham District

If the bin is full, please take your litter home with you

Litter has become an increasing problem in public spaces during lockdown, most notably in and around parks and countryside sites, which are seeing more visitors than usual.

We are supporting Keep Britain Tidy's latest campaign which calls for compassion and respect for the environment.



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Spotlight on: Sustainable summer staples

With hot weather here this week, we've been thinking about how to make our summer purchases more sustainable. Here are some topics we've been discussing:

- Water toys: we're seeing more and more toy brands making items from recycled plastic. Check out [Green Toys UK](#), [Aqua Living water toys](#) and local Horsham shop [Fairkind Child](#)
- Swimwear made from plastic bottles: For adults and kids alike, there are lots of options. Junior Magazine picks out its favourite [eco swimwear for children](#)
- Fitting a water butt: A way to lower water usage and it's better for the plants too. Check out this [advice on fitting a water butt from Southern Water](#)

Three ways to cut your picnic waste

Do you find it easier to be low-waste at home than when you're out and about? Here are some tips to help you cut your waste when on a picnic:

- Take plates and crockery from home rather than using disposable items
- Bring drinks in reusable bottles. At this time of year, a thermos to keep cold drinks cool is essential if you're out for a while!
- Consider buying food and drink that comes in recyclable packaging. Check the labels with this [Recycling Symbols Explained guidance from Recycle Now](#). And if there isn't a recycling bin at your picnic spot, please take your recycling home



Textiles

The coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has had an impact on textile recycling services. If you have textiles you'd like to get rid of, consider the following:

- The Household Waste Recycling Sites are currently unable to take textiles and advise you to keep your textiles at home until textile banks reopen. For the latest updates, [visit the Recycle West Sussex website](#)
- If you have clothes you'd like to donate to charity, check with the individual charity shop you're considering before donating
- If you have old bedding and towels, get in touch with local animal shelters to see if they are accepting donations
- Ever thought about taking up sewing? Or altering a piece of clothing to give it a new life? Check out [Love your Clothes for inspiration](#)



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