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Tandridge district residents are top recyclers

Residents have helped boost the district recycling rate to 62%, which includes 33% mixed recycling from blue lidded wheelie bins, 20% garden waste from brown wheelie bins and 9% food waste from green caddies.

According to the latest government figures for 2016-2017, Tandridge District Council came 18th out of 227 councils which collect recycling in the UK and 5th among the 11 Surrey district and borough councils.

In total over 18,000 tonnes of recycling was collected and 11,000 tonnes of rubbish thrown away.

You can recycle:

- Paper and card, drinks/food tins, glass bottles/jars, drink/food cartons and plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays in your blue lidded wheeled bin or clear recycling sacks.
- Leftover or unwanted food in your green food caddy or communal green wheelie bin (at some flats).
- Clothes, paired shoes and home textiles in a plastic carrier bag next to your food caddy. You can also recycle small electrical items and batteries in the same way.
- Garden waste by composting at home, subscribing to Biffa's green waste club for a fortnightly collection from your home, or taking it to a community recycling centre.

If you are not sure which bin to put something in or where to take it try the Recycle for Surrey search tool or app. Visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling and type in what you want to get rid of and it will tell you how and where.

Councillor Nick Childs, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "We are delighted by this news and want to thank everyone who takes the time to recycle. We want to keep as many items as possible out of the rubbish bin and we would like to encourage everyone to see what else they can recycle."

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