

Great British Spring Clean information

Inbox



Dear Parish Clerks –

This year the Great British Spring Clean campaign will take place from 20th March – 13th April.

You can find lots of useful information about running an event and/or campaign resources at the Keep Britain Tidy website: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home>

Please note the arrangements for collection of litter picked during this year's Great British Spring Clean:

Groups are responsible for the disposal of the litter they collect. There are a number of options available:

1. *Commercial waste bins – If schools or organisations arranging litter picks have a commercial waste collection, the litter they collect can be placed into their commercial waste bins.*
2. *Domestic bins – For very small collections people can place the litter collected in their household waste bin or even better separate materials for recycling and place in their recycling containers.*
3. *Household recycling centres – This is the quickest way to dispose of the litter collected after an event. Litter can be taken by car to any of the 11 HRCs in Wiltshire. If groups are using a trailer or van to take their litter to an HRC they will need to contact the waste services team to obtain a letter of authorisation. Email waste@wiltshire.gov.uk*
4. *Recycling – groups wanting to recycle the litter they collect will need to separate it in to plastic bottles, glass, cardboard, tin cans, paper, fabric, wood etc. This is probably best done as it is collected. They can then either place it in their domestic recycling containers or take it to an HRC. Litter collected by the council cannot be recycled.*
5. *One-off collection by the council – The council is offering a one-off collection of litter after Great British Spring Clean events. If groups want to take up this offer they will need to inform streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk of where they will be leaving the litter for collection by 20th March.*

If groups find large or dangerous items such as whitegoods, fence panels, tyres, asbestos, chemicals or other hazardous waste they should not be moved. These items should be reported via the MyWiltshire app and they will be dealt with as appropriate.

Collections will take place throughout the GBSC programme, collection dates will be confirmed to the event organisers by streetscene so please inform event organisers that some collections will not take place until the end of the programme.

Private landowners, including housing associations, MOD, town and parish councils have the same legal responsibility for disposing of rubbish/litter on their land as any other business/organisation. The council is not responsible for the disposal of litter/rubbish collected from private land and the land owner will need to organise their own arrangements.

I would be very grateful if you could help me to relay this information to any groups likely to be running a litter pick event as part of this campaign this year.

Kind regards

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