



Media Release

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Household Waste and Recycling – COVID-19

Islanders should continue to put out their waste and recycling for collection as normal, unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

Public Health is providing specific advice and support for anyone who has tested positive or is in self isolation, either because they have been instructed to, having recently travelled to the Bailiwick, or are doing so voluntarily because they have potential symptoms of COVID-19 infection - a cough, fever, or shortness of breath.

It states: "All waste that has been in contact with the individual, including used tissues, should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied.

"Do not dispose of it or put it out for collection until you know that you or the person you are caring for does not have novel coronavirus, or until you have been in self-isolation for 14 days, symptom-free. Should you or a member of your household test positive, you will be instructed what to do with the waste."

Guernsey Waste operations manager Sarah Robinson said waste and recycling collections were otherwise unaffected.

"We would ask anyone who has tested positive for coronavirus, or is currently self-isolating because they have symptoms, to follow the advice that has been provided by Public Health.

"All other households should put out any materials on their normal collection night. It is possible some rounds may take slightly longer than usual to complete, so if any bags have not been collected by noon the following day, we would ask islanders to take these back in and await further advice."

Bin stickers for general refuse are still available from all major food retailers, as well as recycling bags and food waste caddy liners. Anyone who is unable to get the shops for themselves can ask a friend or relative to collect some when they pick up any groceries.

Bin stickers will also shortly be available online, for delivery.

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