

East Sussex Green Waste Recycling/Composting List June 2010

This list has been compiled using information from www.wasterecycling.org.uk and contact with local waste service providers.

Please note: To ensure that recycling & composting activities comply with Duty of Care legislation, waste materials should be collected by a registered waste carrier, taken to a licensed site, with Waste Transfer Notes provided to the waste producer. Any suppliers of goods and services included are listed for information only and not as a recommendation by East Sussex BETRE. We suggest that when assessing service providers, in addition to comparing costs and quality of service, a check should be made with the Environment Agency to ensure that the service provider is a registered waste carrier. Prices listed are for guidance only and may be subject to change.

For more guidance about the waste duty of care, you can:

- Visit Netregs: <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/63197.aspx>
- Order Waste Management, The Duty of Care, A Code of Practice (ISBN 0-11-753210-X) from the Stationery Office bookshops, phone 0870 600 5522 or <http://www.tsoshop.co.uk/>

1. Food Waste Reuse and Reduction Schemes

Fareshare is a UK charity supporting communities to relieve food poverty and food waste by:

1. Providing quality food - surplus 'fit for purpose' products from the food and drink industry - to organisations working with disadvantaged people in the community.
2. Providing training and education around the essential life skills of safe food preparation and nutrition, and warehouse employability training through FareShare's *Eat Well Live Well* programme.
3. Promoting the message that 'No Good Food Should Be Wasted'.

Materials collected: Surplus 'fit for purpose' products from the food and drink industry.

Areas covered: Food is collected from businesses throughout Sussex and beyond, subject to specific details such as suitability, quantities, frequency and service availability.

Service details: Food is then distributed to projects in Brighton and Hove and Sussex. Last year, some 300 tonnes was distributed but, whilst this is a substantial amount of food, one of the limitations of further expansion is access to additional sources of food.

Contact: Nathan Au, FareShare Brighton, City Gate Community Projects, Unit 3-4 Fairway Business Centre, Westergate Road, Brighton BN2 4JZ Tel: 01273 671111
Email: info@faresharebrightonandhove.org.uk <http://www.fareshare.org.uk/>

Costs: There is no charge to collect food from businesses, but Fareshare do welcome financial support (as they are able to reduce business waste costs). A nominal annual charge is made to organisations receiving food from the scheme. For more details contact Fairshare.

Envirowise provide tips on reducing waste for food industries on their website at: <http://envirowise.wrap.org.uk/uk/Sectors/Food-and-drink.html>

They also produced a succinct and useful publication **EN957 Managing Food Waste Cost-Effectively** providing guidance for manufacturers, retailers, caterers, hotels and other hospitality outlets. This can be downloaded FREE of charge once you have registered on their website.

2. Food Waste Composting Service Providers

Furniture Now! are working in partnership with East Sussex County Council to offer local businesses the chance to “close the loop” in regards to disposing of food waste.

Materials collected: They can take all food waste INCLUDING Meat and Fish.

Areas covered: Lewes only.

Service details: As part of the service launched in June 2010, Furniture Now! can offer to:

- conduct a waste audit to see what you are producing (free)
- advise you on how to reduce the size of your bin (free)
- offer you membership of an innovative food waste composting service
- design a bespoke service for you, collecting food waste when you want it regularly
- provide training to you and your staff
- discuss the possibility of taking your cardboard away at the same time

Contact: Matthew Britnell, Composting Manager:

Email: composting@furniturenow.org.uk Tel: 01273 477038 or 479528 www.furniturenow.org.uk

Costs: Please contact for competitive cost information as the service is under development.

Village Green Recycling: use Vermiculture, a process using worms, to break down compostable materials into a high quality compost/fertiliser. This method is already widely used in New Zealand, the USA and Canada.

Materials collected: They can take all food waste EXCLUDING Meat and Fish.

Areas covered: Collections are currently focused in the Brighton & Hove area and around Lewes. If sufficient businesses were to be interested, ideally between 12 and 15, then they would be able to consider offering the service in other parts of East Sussex.

Service details: Businesses are supplied with a 240 litre wheelie bin, which is leased from the company and then a clean bin is exchanged for the full one. The full bins are taken back to Village Green Recycling and after the material has been added to the compost beds, are washed out using a rainwater collection system on site.

Businesses would need to provide their own kitchen caddies to collect the food waste for emptying into the large bin.

The minimum collection frequency is once a week in order to stop the waste becoming anaerobic and therefore harmful to the worms. Collections are currently available on Mondays and Fridays, with the intention to offer a midweek service when there is sufficient demand.

Paper is also used in the composting process and a paper collection can be provided for a business alongside its food waste collection.

Costs: Cost of bins - 240 litre bin: £15 per collection (no VAT). This includes supplying a clean bin for each one collected. There are no charges other than the collection charge.

Contact: Hanna Stoneham, Village Green Recycling, Church Farm, Chalvington, Hailsham, East Sussex. BN27 3TD Email: villagegreenrecycling@gmail.com Tel: 01323 811289

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SITA: has recently (May 2010) introduced a commercial food waste collection service.

Materials collected: They can take all food waste including Category 3 raw meat, fish, bones but it needs to be uncontaminated food waste material e.g. NO plastic yoghurt pots or other kitchen waste to be placed in the waste stream.

Areas covered: Across Surrey, East and West Sussex

Service details: Business are supplied with biodegradable bags and usually a bin to store it in, although for premises with limited storage space or where bins cannot be stored on the street it may be possible to just use bags. There is no minimum collection frequency and as there is no charge per collection, it makes sense to have weekly collection.

Food waste must be collected in the bags, which come in 2 sizes 30 litres and 75 litres. In addition, SITA can supply food caddies with 10 litres and 23 litres capacities. Bins of 120 and 240 litre capacity can also be supplied – no larger as the density of food waste means they would be too heavy to move.

For smaller premises e.g. school, office or factories – the 30 litre bags are usually appropriate. For larger premises handling bigger quantities of food waste e.g. food factories, restaurants or canteens – the 75 litre bags are usually used to line a kitchen bin and when full then put in larger bin outside the premises.

Costs: (All charges are subject to VAT).

<i>Cost of bags are:</i>	<i>Cost of bins:</i>
£1.75 per bag for 30 litre bags, sold in rolls of 10	120 litre bin £2.16 per month
£2.30 per bag for 75 litre bags, sold in rolls of 30	240 litre bin £4.22 per month

Contact: Nicky Lynch or Duncan Sutherland

Email: Nicky.lynch@sita.co.uk or Duncan.sutherland@sita.co.uk Tel: 01342 711980

Juniper: install on site wormery systems for businesses.

Materials collected: Worms are able to digest ordinary kitchen waste such as peelings, cooked and uncooked scraps, teabags, eggshells, paper kitchen towels, even shredded newspaper etc. In fact virtually any organic kitchen waste (a more extensive list is available upon request).

Areas covered: Essex but expanding and will cover Sussex.

Service details:

They use Dendrobaena Veneta worms in their worm digestion systems, which will consume up to 80% of their body weight per day and produce a 100% organic material for use elsewhere. Different sizes of systems are available, the largest handles up to 120kgs of waste/day

Sizes Available

230 x 100 cms	140kgs Waste/week	230 x 200 cms	280kgs Waste/week
230 x 300 cms	420kgs Waste/week	230 x 400 cms	560kgs Waste/week
230 x 500 cms	700kgs Waste/week		

Costs: Please contact direct for cost information.

Contact: Hall Farm Nursery, Church Lane, Upminster, Essex RM14 3QH

Email: info@juniperfoodwaste.com Tel: 0800 121 4531

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3. Green Waste Composting Service Providers

KPS Composting Services Ltd: provide on site composting services and machinery. You would need to have sufficient green waste for 0.5-1 days work on-site. Contact for costs <http://www.kpscomposting.co.uk/mobile.html>

You can also take Green Waste to their composting facility but you would need to have a Waste Carriers License to do so (Cost £152 first application valid for 3 years and £104 per 3 year period thereafter): <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/111457.aspx>.

Contact: Isfield Composting Site, Lewes Road, Isfield, nr Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5JJ
Tel: 01444 831010 Email: moya@kpscomposting.co.uk

The Beddingham Compost Company Ltd: run a composting plant. You can also take Green Waste to their composting facility but you would need to have a Waste Carriers License to do so (Cost £152 first application valid for 3 years and £104 per 3 year period thereafter): <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/111457.aspx>.

Contact: Beddingham, East Sussex, BN8 6JX
Tel: 01273 858511 Email: charlie@tjcomposting.co.uk

4. Green Waste to Energy Service Providers

Sussex Waste Recycling: Green waste is used as fuel in their waste to energy plant to generate electricity. For details of the process visit: <http://www.rabbitskips.co.uk/about.asp>.

This for green waste solely no food or vegetable peelings etc.

This is a skip collection service. Minimum skip size is minimum skip size 6yd prices from £135 plus VAT. No minimum collection frequency. Service area covered is the triangle going from Pevensey Bay along the coast to Bognor Regis and then up as far as Horsham.

Contact: North Quay Road, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 0AB
Tel: 01903 762020 Email: info@rabbitskips.co.uk.

For further advice and support contact the betre helpline on 01273 336777 or betre@eastsussex.gov.uk

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