

Recycling made easy

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South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse councils have launched a waste items search engine to help make recycling even easier for residents

It goes by the name Recycleopedia, and it's a search engine to tell users what bin to put waste items in. Residents can simply type in the item they want to throw away and Recycleopedia displays a results page showing which bin to put it in. If the item can't be put in kerbside bins, residents are signposted to their nearest household waste recycling centre.

South Oxfordshire's residents were recently declared the best recyclers in the country, with Vale close behind in third place.

Councillor David Dodds, Cabinet Member for Waste for South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Our existing recycling system is already hugely successful and this is partly down to the simplicity of our waste collection system. Recycleopedia is set to make this even easier, allowing our residents to simply search for the item they want to throw away. This will be particularly useful over

Christmas, when much more waste is generated." Recycleopedia can be found on www.southoxon.gov.uk/recycleopedia and www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/recycleopedia.

The councils are also launching a system for residents to have a personalised waste calendar on their smartphone, tablet or desktop computer. It allows residents to quickly and easily find out which bin they need to put out on any given week. The electronic calendar displays on their phone or computer, with an entry the night before their collection day to remind them to put their bins out, and which bins it is that week, and an entry on the collection day itself.

The calendar will work on nearly all smartphones and tablets, and all the instructions on how to download the calendar are on the councils' websites.

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