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North Devon residents encouraged to continue recycling

People across North Devon are being encouraged to make use of all of their recycling services, with a wide range of collections available from just outside their homes.

The reminder comes from North Devon Council during national Recycle Week (17 to 23 June), which aims to encourage people to recycle more than ever before.

Across the district, households recycle 44% of all their household waste. Although this is slightly down on the previous year, the percentage drop is less than that of other Devon districts, which have also seen a small dip.

Councillor Rodney Cann, Executive Member for Environment, says: "Compared to last year, North Devon's recycling rate is down by 0.6%. However, this needs to be put into perspective because, at the same time, the amount of waste sent to landfill has gone down by 2%. We think this reflects how households have been affected by the economic downturn, perhaps by buying less, shopping more smartly, cutting down on packaging and subsequently cutting down on waste."

As part of Recycle Week, North Devon Council is now reminding households to make full use of its kerbside recycling collections. This includes plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, drink cans and food tins, newspapers, clothes, aluminium foil and cardboard.

Councillor Cann continues: "All homes in North Devon are covered by a weekly recycling service, and with such an extensive range of materials taken, there's no excuse for people not to get involved. On top of our collections, there are also three local recycling centres, which can take an even wider selection of materials, as well as various bottle banks across the district. So my message is start using them, as recycling is everyone's responsibility."

For a list of items that can be collected from the kerbside, go to the 'what goes where' guide on the council website www.northdevon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling.

You can also find information about recycling centres on Devon County Council's website www.devon.gov.uk/recyclingcentres.

Meanwhile on Thursday 20 June, North Devon Council will be on social media platform Twitter to reflect its waste and recycling service. Follow @ndevoncouncil at twitter.com and use the hashtags #RecycleWeek2013 and #ndevon. Further comments will be posted on Facebook - just search for RecycleNDevon.

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