

Hempsted Household Recycling Centre Upgrade FAQs

When will Hempsted HRC be closed?

The Hempsted HRC will close from Monday 3 to Friday 21 December inclusive to install new equipment and improve the site.

When will Hempsted HRC reopen?

Hempsted HRC will re-open on Saturday 22 December.

Why is the HRC closed?

Some of the machines on site need to be upgraded. The current system for compacting materials in skips is now quite old and becoming very unreliable so maintenance is costly. The new equipment will enable some waste and recycling to be compacted more efficiently resulting in fewer journeys by road.

Unreliable machinery on site has also resulted in emergency closures to the recycling centre and visitors being turned away. In order to prevent last minute closures and wasted journeys, and to make the sites more flexible to operate into the future, Gloucestershire County Council is bringing in a new mobile compactor.

What is a mobile compactor?

Mobile compactors are heavy plant vehicles with hydraulic attachments that can squash the waste in the skips more tightly leaving fewer gaps and making the best use of space. If a skip becomes full a mobile compactor can easily move waste to other empty bins. Hempsted is a very busy site, and these improvements will help make it quicker and easier to recycle household waste in future.

What is happening during the closure?

The site will be closed for less than three weeks to allow work to prepare the site.

To make the switch to the new machines the existing fixed compactors will be removed and new open top skips will be provided.

During the closure staff will have a chance to familiarise themselves with the new mobile waste compaction machine. New and improved signs will be installed so visitors know which materials go where.

What does a mobile compactor look like?

Here is an example of the machine:



Which materials will have the upgrade?

Bulky materials such as broken furniture, wood, cardboard, and green waste (like branches and hedge trimmings) will now be collected in the new open top skips.

What are the benefits of the new mobile compaction system?

The new machinery will help prevent last minute closures, wasted journeys and costs caused by unreliable machinery. The sites will also be more flexible to meet the demands of visitors. For example, waste can be moved around more easily so if an extra skip is needed for a certain material this will no longer be a problem. Bulky materials can be squashed more effectively to save space, which will save money in the long run.

Where can I take my waste and recycling during this closure?

Other recycling centres are available, the closest sites are:

- Wingmoor Farm, Stoke Orchard, GL52 7RS
Open 10am to 4pm. Closed on Wednesdays.
- Oak Quarry, Coleford, GL16 7EG
Open 10am to 4pm. Closed on Tuesdays.
- Pyke Quarry, Horsley, GL6 0QA
Open 10am to 4pm. Closed on Wednesdays

The above are open 6 days a week 10am to 4pm, including bank holidays.

To find an alternative HRC in Gloucestershire, please visit
www.recycleforgloucestershire.com