

press release

BOURNEMOUTH CHOOSES DENNIS EAGLE FOR NEW FOOD WASTE SERVICE

Bournemouth Borough Council has chosen Dennis Eagle to supply a fleet of new refuse collection vehicles in preparation for the roll out of the Council's new food waste service.

Sixteen of the twenty new waste collection vehicles are being delivered this month in preparation for the start of Bournemouth Borough Council's food waste service in March 2014. The new dual-compartment 'Kitchen Waste Duo' vehicles, manufactured by Dennis Eagle, allow the crews to collect food waste and general waste at the same time.

The arrival of the vehicles marks the start of the lead up to food waste collections across the borough. Bournemouth residents will receive their new food waste containers in January or February: a food waste container for outside their home, which can also be placed in the general rubbish bin ('Little Bin') while still allowing other waste to be put into the rubbish bin; and a small kitchen caddy which can be used inside to reduce trips outside to the large container. Residents will also receive an instruction booklet and a roll of compostable bin liners.

Councillor Michael Filer, portfolio holder for waste, said, "These vehicles are magnificent! They allow our collection crews to collect general waste and food waste at the same time. This means that residents still only have one collection vehicle driving down their road to collect both the rubbish bin and food waste container. It also means that we are minimising our carbon footprint of our collections. The vehicles are already being used around the country, and offer us an exciting opportunity to maintain and improve Bournemouth's lead at the forefront of recycling."

In Bournemouth approximately 38 per cent of waste thrown away is food. By separating food waste from the general rubbish, food waste can be used to make high quality compost or create renewable energy instead. Further information on the new collections can be found at www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Environment/RecyclingWaste.

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