

Waste disposal advice for households that are self isolating

Households that are self isolating should follow the UK Government's 'Stay at home' advice which states:

- Store personal waste such as used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths securely within disposable rubbish bags.
- Place these bags into another bag, tie securely and keep separate from other waste.
- These bags should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual external general waste bin.
- Please **do not** take this waste to your local Recycling Centre.

Please dispose of your other household waste as normal.

It is more important than ever to ensure that recycling is clean and dry, and that rubbish bags are all securely tied to help prevent spills and protect our collection teams and the public.

Cleaning and disposal of waste

When cleaning you should use your usual household products, like detergents and bleach, as these will be very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces. Clean frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, remote controls and table tops. This is particularly important if you have an older or vulnerable person in the house.

Personal waste (such as used tissues) and disposable cleaning cloths can be stored securely within disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual external household waste bin.

Other household waste can be disposed of as normal.

Laundry

To minimise the possibility of dispersing virus through the air, do not shake dirty laundry.

Wash items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All dirty laundry can be washed in the same load.

If you do not have a washing machine, wait a further 72 hours after your 7-day (for individual isolation) or 14-day isolation period (for households) has ended when you can then take the laundry to a public launderette.

Above information extracted from Nottinghamshire County Council's Waste & Recycling email of 23rd March, 2020.

