



COVID-19

Coronavirus

Cleveland Local Resilience Forum

Community messaging

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Food bank donations

Donations to, and stocks within, the regions food banks are currently at an all-time low and community foodbank organisers are asking for additional support from members of the public.

Demand on our local foodbanks is extremely high as many parts of the community are facing increased pressures during lockdown due to the financial hardship as a result of their employment ceasing, by being furloughed or even their self-employment opportunities slowing down.

The effect of lockdown, initial food stock-piling by some and the ability to only shop once a week for bare-essentials has resulted in a large decrease in food donations.

Organisations across the Cleveland area are crying out for additional support, no matter how large or small. They ask, if you are please able, to buy one additional item of non-perishable food or drink on your next Supermarket shop and donate it to the Supermarket's own foodbank drive. These essentials will find their way to local vulnerable people and families most in need. If you can do more, please buy a bag-full and do the same or drop it in safely, following social distancing measures, to your local foodbank. Contact details of how and when to deliver these items can be found online through your local council website or through the Trussell Trust online.

Household and personal waste

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic and subsequent social distancing measures, local authorities are seeing more waste produced from households than normal. This can lead to overflowing bins and excess rubbish.

Should you or one of your household members be displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, it is important to follow the following guidelines; personal waste such as used tissues, cleaning cloths and personal protective equipment such as gloves or masks should be disposed of securely in 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.

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.

When placing items of rubbish in to your external bin, please wipe clean the handles of the bin to assist the refuse collectors.

Members of the community should be reminded that the disposal of tissues, protective gloves, masks or other forms of PPE on to the ground in public or private spaces puts others at risk.

