Bin collections in the Selby area -

industrial strike action

## Background

A small number of Urbaser staff have been on strike since the end of June in a dispute about pay. Strike action has taken place every Tuesday and Friday. Up till now, impact on collections has been limited with any roll over of collections being caught up the following day.

### Update

The Union has given notice to Urbaser that from 1 August they will be taking strike action from Tuesday to Friday on a refuse week. There will be no action on a recycling week.

Taking strike action every day on a refuse collection week is likely to have a greater impact on collections because it makes it harder to catch up the next day. As a result, to protect valuable refuse services, we need to make changes to how and when we collect garden waste.

Currently garden waste collections are provided to half the households on a recycling week and half on a refuse week. **From Tuesday 1 August to Friday 1 September all garden waste bins will be collected on the same week as recycling bins.** The day of the week that garden waste bins are collected will not change but the date of collection may change.

**Tuesday** collections will be as follows:

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
| Refuse Bin Collection | 1, 15 and 29 |
| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 8 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 22 |

**Wednesday** collections will be as follows:

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
| Refuse Bin Collection | 2, 16 and 30 |
| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 9 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 23 |

**Thursday** collections will be as follows:

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
| Refuse Bin Collection | 3, 17 and 31 |
| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 10 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 24 |

**Friday** collections will be as follows:

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
| Refuse Bin Collection | 4 and 18 |
| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 11 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 25 |

There will be no change to refuse or blue / brown recycling bin collections and residents should continue to ensure bins are presented for collection by 7am.

Due to the increase in workload on these days, there may be some occasions when we are not able to collect all garden waste bins. If this happens, residents are advised to leave their bins out and we will return to collect them the following day. Any other missed collections can be reported via our website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/missed-bin-or-recycling-collections](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/missed-bin-or-recycling-collections).

For some households, these changes mean there will be three weeks before the next garden waste collection. Because the waste collected goes directly to local composting sites, we can only take garden waste put out for collection in your garden waste bins. If residents have extra waste that doesn’t fit in their garden waste bin, they should keep it until their next collection or take it to a household waste recycling centre for free. Crews will only be able to collect one bin of garden waste per collection unless residents already have arrangements in place for additional bins.

We understand this may cause some inconvenience, but it is important that we protect the frontline household refuse collection service.

**Communication with residents**

The attached letter has been sent to all residents in the Selby area from Thursday 27 July.

The website is being updated from Monday 31 July and information will also be shared on North Yorkshire Council’s social media channels.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring all residents know about the changes. Below you will find some text for your website which you can use.

**Website copy**

* Use from Monday 31.07.23

There are some changes to North Yorkshire Council’s waste and recycling collections in your area, linked to ongoing industrial action and which may affect the service you receive.

**There are different arrangements across the area so please check the details below carefully to check which changes will impact you.**

The council is trying hard to reduce any impacts of the strike action, and they are grateful for your patience.

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**The day of the week that your garden waste bin is collected will not change but the date may.**

If your collection day is **Tuesday,** your collections will be as follows

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
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| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 8 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 22 |

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
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| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 23 |

If your collection day is **Thursday,** your collections will be as follows

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| **Collections** | **August Dates** |
| Refuse Bin Collection | 3, 17 and 31 |
| Brown Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 10 |
| Blue Recycling Bin and Green Bin Collection | 24 |

If your collection day is **Friday,** your collections will be as follows

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Please continue to ensure your bins are presented for collection by 7am.

Due to the increase in workload on these days, there may be some occasions when your garden waste bin may not be collected. If this happens, please leave it out and it will be collected the following day.

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Further updates can be found via [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) and social media channels, follow @northyorksc to stay up to date.