

We understand that you may have some questions about the closure of the In-Vessel Composting Facility at the EcoPark Site in Edmonton. Please find some questions and answers below:

What happens to North London's non-recyclable waste at the moment?

North London sends over half a million tonnes of waste (582,797 tonnes in 2017-18) for disposal each year. Whilst every effort is made to encourage recycling across north London, not everyone recycles and not everything is recyclable so the 'leftover' waste needs disposing of properly and safely. The majority of the leftover or 'residual' waste is taken to the Edmonton EcoPark 'Energy from Waste' site where it is turned into energy to help power homes.

What happens when the current site at the EcoPark can no longer function?

The current centre at the EcoPark is nearly 50 years old and needs replacing to continue to process north London's residual waste. North London Waste Authority (NLWA) has therefore obtained approval to build a new replacement Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), and associated development, at the site. For further information about this, please visit northlondonheatandpower.london

What is an In-Vessel Composting Facility?

The In-Vessel Composting Facility, also known as an IVC, is an enclosed composting plant which processes food and garden waste and turns it into useable compost which can be used by farmers and gardeners to improve the quality of the soil for crop and vegetable and flower growing.

Why is the IVC closing?

The decision to close the composting facility has been driven by the need to replace the existing 'Energy from Waste' centre with a new Energy Recovery Facility – a decision which is necessary in order for us to continue to manage north London's waste after the current Energy from Waste plant comes to the end of its useable life in around 7 years. With construction work due to start next year on the build of the new ERF, ground investigation work is needed to prepare for this. The EcoPark site is currently home to the IVC (In-Vessel Composting) plant. The ground investigation work needs to be carried out in the area where the IVC is located, which means that the IVC will be closed for the foreseeable future and decommissioned from 27 October 2018 to enable the ground investigation work to be undertaken before construction starts in 2019..

What does this mean to resident's collections of food and garden waste?

There will be no change to north London residents' current garden and food waste collection services as a result of the closure of the In-Vessel-Composting plant at Edmonton.. LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) who runs the EcoPark site on behalf of NLWA have organised for garden and food waste that is collected by the north London borough councils to continue to be processed elsewhere.

Will the compost be returned and made available to north London residents?

Due to the cost and space restrictions at the EcoPark site the processed compost cannot be returned and made available to north London residents.

Therefore, the current arrangements whereby compost is available free-of-charge to north London residents will not be available from 27 October 2018. The last date for individuals collecting compost will be announced shortly but is likely to be during September.

I am part of a community group, when is the last date I can place an order for compost?

There are still opportunities to take advantage of the current arrangements - current orders will be honoured and any further bulk orders for free compost by community and allotment groups must be made by 31 August 2018.

Will NLWA provide compost again?

NLWA will keep under review its ability to provide compost. This will include looking at the use of land on the EcoPark site following completion of the new Energy Recovery Facility and demolition of the existing energy centre.

Where else is compost available?

Residents can buy compost made from composted organic waste from other outlets such as garden centres and supermarkets. Alternatively, you can make your own compost at home – some useful information is available at recyclenow.com/reduce-waste/composting or can you call NLWA on 020 8489 5730 or visit wiseuptowaste.org.uk to find out about setting up in home composting. The seven north London Councils also offer subsidised composting bins which is a great way of producing your own free compost.

My question isn't answered here, who do I contact?

Call North London Waste Authority on 020 8489 5730 or visit wiseuptowaste.org.uk for further information.