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Dear Resident,

### Important changes to your recycling collections

Last year we introduced a two black bag limit for household waste in the Vale of Glamorgan. Since then we have significantly increased the amount we recycle and reduced black bag waste by around 30%. Thank you for all you have done.

The next phase of service changes will be to remove the use of single-use plastic bags for placing recycling out for collection. **This will mean that we no longer accept recycling contained within carrier bags or white, clear or coloured sacks.**

Removing single-use plastic bags from our recycling will not only improve the quality but will continue to make our recycling collections more sustainable and ensure that the materials we collect are ethically recycled, limiting the amount of material sent outside the UK.

Although the restriction of black bags has been very successful, we have seen an increase in contaminated recycling with food, nappies and textiles being hidden within single-use plastic bags, which has resulted in a high volume of our recycling being rejected.

Council collection staff have been advised to only collect recycling placed in Council issued bags or boxes from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**. You can collect an additional bag or box from your local library, the Civic Offices (during August 2019), Barry, CF63 4RU or the Alps Depot, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

Please note, further information will be sent in due course regarding the next phase of changes to your recycling and waste collections. Thank you for continuing to support recycling services in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Smith  
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