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[Start]

380,000 households equate to 1% of the UK's 26,7m households. In the UK there were isolated difficulties managing waste during Covid-19 due to staff absence and increased waste generation but on the whole the local authority waste and recycling operations were exemplary at a very difficult time.

Many of NAWDO's members have seen an increase in recycling rates recently. For example, the 650,000 households in the West London Waste Authority area alone recycled c.15% more during the pandemic.

When non-recyclable items are contaminating recycling, it cannot be used as new resources. It is important that only those materials that can be recycled are presented for local authority recycling collections.

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## **About us:**

*NAWDO, the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers, is the primary network and voice for local authorities with statutory responsibility for waste treatment and disposal. NAWDO was formed in 1992 and its members include London Boroughs, Metropolitan, Unitary, Joint Waste Disposal Authorities, Waste Partnerships and County Councils from all UK regions (except Scotland) to keep up to date with the fast changing waste and resources industry. Through NAWDO local authorities are provided with presentation on regional, national, international and strategic forums and groups to inform, influence and collaborate with key stakeholders and policy makers. NAWDO is entirely run by volunteers and through its Policy and Advisory (P&A) Committee it sets the direction of the organisation with member engagement. With over 80 members NAWDO represents around 80% of all local authorities with waste disposal duties in the UK. NAWDO holds quarterly meetings where its members, central government, regulators, waste industry and other affiliated groups discuss and debate challenges and current developments in the waste and resources industry, helping shape and influence (future) decisions and policy. It also provides an online forum where members can openly discuss and debate current and relevant issues facing senior officers with waste treatment and disposal portfolios.*

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