

Information about allotments

Insurance for tenants

Individual plot holders may have public liability included in their household policy to cover their own risk whilst working on their plot or indeed any claim against the plot holder for negligence etc. Individual plot holders should check this out and not make any assumptions about how risks are covered and protected.

[Shield Total Insurance approved by The National Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners Ltd \(NSALG\)](#)

Pesticide Guidance

[Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs \(DEFRA\)](#)
[Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#)

Keeping of Animals on Allotment Plots

Did you know you can keep animals on your allotment plot? You can keep bees, chickens (but not cockerels please) and rabbits if you wish. Please refer though to the respective DEFRA, RSPCA and the British Beekeeping Association web pages for further guidance regarding animal welfare.

Link to the RSPCA and DEFRA web pages for guidance on keeping Hens and Rabbits:

[The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(RSPCA\)](#)
[Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs \(DEFRA\)](#)

Beekeeping Guidance

[British Beekeeping Association](#)
[Surrey Beekeeping Association](#)
[Epsom Beekeeping Association](#)
[Natural Beekeeping Trust](#)

Please note that if you do wish to bee-come a future apiarist (a keeper of bees) the Council requires that you have:

- Attended a Practical Bee Keeping Course
- Have Public Liability Insurance in place
- Be a current member of a Beekeeping Association

Also, although we are supportive of keeping bees on allotment land, please make sure that you ask your immediate allotment plot neighbours if they don't mind you keeping bees. We may however be able to relocate you somewhere else on-site if need be.

Association Links

Link to the National Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners Ltd (NSALG):
[National Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners Ltd](#)

Link to the Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI):
[Allotment Regeneration Initiative](#)

Link to the National Vegetable Society:
[National Vegetable Society](#)

Link for guidance on local Horticultural Associations:
[Ewell Horticultural Association](#)
[Epsom Garden Society](#)

Free Manure

Link for guidance on Manure:
[Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#)

Epsom RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) are very happy to have people taking manure away for a small donation (this can be made payable in the Coffee Room). The best times for people to come to collect manure are as follows:

Open 7 days a week - 9am to 1pm (Saturdays open till 4pm)

Epsom RDA (Riding for Disabled Association)
St Ebbas Farm
Hook Road
Epsom
KT19 8QW
Tel: 01372 743690

Please remember to bring a spade and bags so to take your manure away.

Link to the Epsom RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association):
[Epsom RDA \(Riding for the Disabled Association\)](#)

Organic Gardening

With Stones Road allotment site (organic gardening only) hopefully opening up in Summer 2016, some organic views, advice & guidance can be found here using the following internet links:

[Royal Horticultural Society](#) - Organic Gardening

[The National Allotment Society](#) - The Organic or Inorganic Allotment?

[The Telegraph \(Newspaper\)](#) - Prince Charles says organic allotments can save the environment

[Garden Organic](#) - Why be Organic?

Allotment Literature

Link for guidance to 'Allotments: A Plot Holders' Guide' via the Allotment Regeneration Initiative web page:

[Allotments: A Plot Holders' Guide](#)

Link for guidance to a place to grow: a supplementary document to growing in the community written by the Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI) in 2007 via the Local Government Association web page:

['a place to grow: a supplementary document to growing in the community'](#)

Recycling On Site

Hopefully in 2016, Recycling banks may be introduced on the bigger allotment sites on a trial basis, to see if they will assist in the borough's recycling scheme of 'Reuse, Recycle, Regenerate'. Access on site will be the key issue for these trial allotments sites, so sadly they may not all be suitable to have the banks introduced.

Recycle for Surrey

There is a lot of composting information here under the garden waste section (including how to build a bin, which may appeal to allotment users). The webpage for 'Recycle for Surrey' can be found [here](#).

Composters

You can obtain a much reduced priced composter or water-butt by going online with the Get Composting.Com web page, which can be accessed [here](#). However, if you wish to contact Get Composting directly, their contact details are as follows:

BY TELEPHONE:

To place an order - 0844 571 4444

To speak to the customer care team: Free phone 0800 316 4454

(Lines are open between 8am and 8pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sundays. Outside of these times you can leave a message.)

Call Costs:

- 0845: Standard cost from BT landline 4pm plus setup charge. Other providers may charge more.
- 0844: Standard cost from BT landline 5pm plus setup charge. Other providers may charge more.

(All prices quoted include VAT.)

BY POST:

Getcomposting.com
c/o Straight Ltd
No 1 Whitehall Riverside
Leeds
LS1 4BN

BY EMAIL: customer.care@getcomposting.com

If you wish to contact Operational Services for more recycling tips and ideas, then please contact them through Customer Services on 01372 732000.