

Press release

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Keeping Hackney estates clean and tidy

September is the National Big Tidy Up month and Hackney Homes has been supporting this by encouraging everyone to take a few minutes to think about how they are impacting on the environment.

Whilst our estate cleaning and grounds maintenance teams are out on estates everyday, including weekends, cleaning, sweeping and ensuring that the internal and communal areas on estates are cleaned to a high standard, the teams can't do this on their own.

They need the support of residents to make sure that estates are kept clean and litter free.

Zak works as part of the Estate Mobile Cleaning team spends most of his day responding to urgent cleaning issues including dumped rubbish. Here are his hints and tips for keeping your estate clean and tidy:

- Wrap up your rubbish before throwing in the chute.
- Use strong bin bags so that the rubbish stays intact.
- Recycle as much as possible. For advice about recycling, call 020 8356 6688.
- Use local services to pick up old or unwanted furniture or white goods. You can arrange for up to five items to be collected by calling 020 8356 6688.
- Dispose of your items in skips provided each Saturday around the borough. For locations, contact 020 3546 6683.

Press queries to Olaide Oyekanmi on 0208 356 3522, 0777 256 5514 or email olaide.oyekanmi@hackneyhomes.org.uk

Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes currently clears approximately 15 tonnes of litter from the estates daily. By encouraging litter to be disposed of responsibly, Hackney Homes can save a substantial amount of money which can be put to better use as well as improving the environment on estates.

Our mission is to deliver excellent, responsive housing services with decent homes and estates. To help residents lead healthy lives in safe and sustainable communities.

- Hackney Homes Estate Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance Teams carry out regular inspections of estates and street properties to quickly identify where problems with rubbish are occurring. Your help in identifying these would also be useful. This will enable early action to be taken to rectify the matter. To report something on your estate, contact our Housing Contact Centre on 020 8356 3691 or email repairsrcc@hackneyhomes.org.uk