

Please ensure bins are presented prior to 6am

Christmas Recycling & Refuse collections 20/21

During the festive period your refuse and recycling collection days may be altered. Check out the 2020/2021 calendar below for any changes!

Week	Normal collection day	Revised collection day
recycling → Recycling	Mon 21 Dec	No Change
	Tues 22 Dec	No Change
	Wed 23 Dec	No Change
	Thurs 24 Dec	No Change
	Fri 25 Dec	Mon 28 Dec
refuse → Refuse	Mon 28 Dec	Tues 29 Dec
	Tue 29 Dec	Wed 30 Dec
	Wed 30 Dec	Thurs 31 Dec
	Thurs 31 Dec	Sat 2 Jan
	Fri 1 Jan	Mon 4 Jan
recycling → Recycling	Mon 4 Jan	Tues 5 Jan
	Tue 5 Jan	Wed 6 Jan
	Wed 6 Jan	Thurs 7 Jan
	Thurs 7 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
	Fri 8 Jan	Sat 9 Jan

Normal service will resume Monday 11 January 2021

Garden waste collections will stop on Friday 25th December and resume on Monday 11th January 2021 with Friday 25th December collections being made on Monday 28th December.

Clinical collections will remain the same except, collections due on Monday 28/12/20 being moved Tuesday 29/12/20

Which bin do I put my Christmas Items into?

Recycling (Green Bin)	Refuse (Grey Bin)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas cards • Tin foil & foil serving trays • Champagne, wine & beer bottles • Non- foil wrapping paper • Cardboard boxes • Sweet/chocolate tins • Mince pie foil cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinsel • Broken decorations • Bubble wrap & soft plastic packaging like cellophane • Foil/shiny wrapping paper • Champagne & wine corks • Polystyrene

Top 5 Tips to make this Christmas the greenest one yet!

1. It's true that most wrapping paper can actually be recycled...but only if it's not the shiny and glittery type. If you want to know if the wrapping paper can be recycled or not, use the **scrunch test**.

Scrunch up the paper in your hands and then let it go. If the paper stays scrunched up then it can be recycled but, if it unfolds by its own accord, then it likely contains non-recyclable materials.

You can always opt for plain brown paper or gift bags as these can be used more than once

2. Make your own Christmas decorations. Foraging for pine cones and holly is the perfect excuse to enjoy the great outdoors and keep kids busy
3. A staggering 1.5 billion Christmas cards are thrown away by UK households each year. Why not try giving people a call to wish them good will instead of sending a card. If a card is needed, try to find ones made from recycled materials and not containing too much shiny glitter
4. When it comes to selecting gifts, why not opt for making your own presents. Whether you love baking, sewing or painting, why not get creative this season. Best of all, the receiver will find joy in the gift long after the decorations have come down
5. Use the annual gastronomic extravaganza as an opportunity to show your support for some brilliant local producers. Sourcing your meats and vegetables locally is a good place to start: you'll use fewer food miles, less packaging and you can feel confident that you have supported local small businesses.

Tip: Eat the food in your freezer in the run-up to the main event, leaving plenty of room for leftovers. Surplus turkey and ham can be sliced, then wrapped in parchment and frozen. You can even freeze leftover Stilton and save it to use in a warming winter soup.