

Christmas/New Year rubbish and recycling collections 2013/14

Cornwall Council and Cory Environmental are working together to minimise disruption to the collection services over the festive season.

Rubbish and clinical waste collections will be suspended on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Residents will receive a double collection the following week.

Recycling collections will not take place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If your collection is due on either of these days, it will be collected on Saturday 28 December.

Garden waste collections will not take place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If your collection is due on either of these days, it will be collected on Saturday 28 December.

Recycling and Rubbish Collections

Date	Rubbish/Clinical	Recycling/Garden
Monday 23 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	No Collection (Collection on 1 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 28 December)
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)	No Collection. (Collection on 2 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 28 December)
Friday 27 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Saturday 28 December	No Collection	Collection for 25 & 26 December
Monday 30 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Tuesday 31 December (New Years Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)	Normal Collection including 25 December	Normal Collection
Thursday 2 January	Normal Collection including 26 December	Normal Collection

Christmas trees

Real Christmas trees will only be collected on weeks commencing 6 January and 13 January. Place your tree out for collection on your rubbish collection day, on the alternate week to your recycling collection. The trees will be collected for free then shredded and composted.

Other Christmas questions

Christmas cards

There are a number of charity collections for Christmas cards, but if you wish to dispose of them using the kerbside recycling collection they should be placed in the cardboard sack.

Envelopes

White envelopes should go into the paper sack, coloured or brown envelopes should go with the cardboard.

Wrapping paper

We can accept most wrapping paper but shiny paper is difficult to recycle as the water in the paper mills cannot penetrate the fibres. So if paper is coated with foil or plastic we cannot take it. Please put all non shiny paper in the paper sack and remove all sticky tape, string and ribbons.

Cardboard

Over Christmas there are a lot of extra cardboard boxes. The boxes should be flattened and put into the orange cardboard bag.

If the boxes are too big, flat pack them, tie them in a bundle and put them out next to your recycling. If you have very large amounts of cardboard, you can either take it to the household waste and recycling centres or put it out for the kerbside collection over a couple of weeks.

Chocolate and biscuit tins

You can put chocolate and biscuit tins out for recycling in the sack for plastic bottles and cans. We can only accept metal sweet and biscuit tins, we cannot take the plastic tubs.

Additional recycling

If you have more kerbside recycling than usual, please put it out in carrier bags. Please be extra careful with glass bottles and place out for collection in a rigid box.

Household waste and recycling centres

The sites will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The normal site opening times are 9am to 4pm.

Top tip

Many of us tend to over cater at Christmas, and this shows in the amount of rubbish that we collect in the New Year.

The best way to reduce food waste is to write a shopping list and stick to it. Think about how many people you will be feeding and just buy enough for them. Remember, if you don't like sprouts, you don't have to buy them!

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