

Jingle all the way to your recycling bin

With Christmas just around the corner, Huntingdonshire District Council would like to encourage you all to keep the party going by remembering to recycle over the festive period.

We are recycling more at home than ever before, which is great, and we don't want it to be forgotten about during the festivities.

Christmas is a time for entertaining, which means we all have more waste to dispose of. In Huntingdonshire, we are fortunate to be able to recycle a wide range of materials within the blue bins or clear sacks, which helps us all to recycle more this Christmas.

Collections of all waste types will continue throughout the festive period, but your day of collection will change for a few weeks. Please be aware that some collections may take place a day or two before your normal collection day and these are highlighted below or you can download your collection calendar from www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins which will clearly show these changes

Day	Revised Day of Collection * <u>Before</u> normal collection day
Monday 22 December	Saturday 20 December*
Tuesday 23 December	Monday 22 December*
Wednesday 24 December	Tuesday 23 December*
Thursday 25 December	Wednesday 24 December*
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

Get to know what materials can be recycled and where, use the great recycling facilities we have available in Huntingdonshire. Display the complete list of materials that can be recycled so all your guests know what goes where. Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin for more information

Glass bottles and jars, cans, tins and foil, jam jar lids, envelopes, junk mail and flyers, biscuit and sweet tins, plastics including bottles, pots, tubs and trays, newspapers and magazines, milk and juice cartons, cardboard and packaging card and after the twelfth night your Christmas cards! Are all accepted as part of your **recycling collection**.

As part of your Green waste collection garden and food waste, including all cooked and uncooked food and bones are accepted. If you have a real Christmas tree, remember to put this alongside your green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than your bin please chop in half.

The **Household Recycling Centres** in Alconbury, Bluntisham and St Neots collect a range of materials for recycling, including electrical goods, batteries, glass bottles and much more. Find out what materials are collected at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

There are **textile banks** dotted around the district for your unwanted clothes and shoes. Good quality or not, nothing is wasted.

'We're Dreaming of a Green Christmas' this year so join us by giving some of these top tips a try

- If you're having a party, recycle all the glass bottles, drinks cans and plastic bottles within your blue bin.
- When you're unwrapping your gifts think about keeping the wrapping paper and cards to use as next year's paper and gift tags.
- Charities, schools and hospitals will be grateful of unwanted or duplicate gifts.
- Home compost all your fruit and vegetable peelings to create compost for your garden.
- Use Christmas leftovers to make other dishes like turkey curry. More leftover recipes at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
- Give rechargeable batteries with Christmas presents to reduce waste from single life batteries.
- Instead of buying Christmas decorations try making your own from everyday household items, e.g. buttons and salt dough.
- If you have an artificial tree, pack it away carefully so that it can be used again next year.