

Media Release

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Christmas waste and recycling collections

Video: <https://youtu.be/xbNr2ptFHOA>

Residents across Daventry District are being offered support to recycle as much as possible over the Christmas and New Year period.

For most people, collections by Daventry District Council's (DDC) environmental services partner Daventry Norse will continue to take place as usual. However people whose bins are emptied on Tuesdays are advised of the following changes to their schedule:

- Collections which would have been due on Christmas Day (Tuesday, 25 December) will instead take place on Saturday, 29 December.
- Collections due on New Year's Day (Tuesday, 1 January) will instead take place on Saturday, 5 January.

Residents are also being advised of an extra collection of the blue-lidded recycling bins which will take place in the week beginning 7 January. People should put their blue-lidded bin out alongside any others that are due to be emptied on their usual collection day during this week.

A range of festive items can be recycled, including sweet tins, and foil-free wrapping paper and Christmas cards. As a good rule of thumb, wrapping paper that can be torn is probably made from paper and can therefore be recycled.

Food waste bins will continue to be collected on their usual weekly schedule, and can be used to recycle leftover raw and cooked foods, including vegetable peelings, egg shells, out-of-date food, plate scrapings, solid fats, meat and fish bones. Please do not put any liquids in the caddy.

Black bins containing general waste will also be collected on the usual three-weekly cycle, and residents are reminded to make good use of the recycling services, as bins with raised lids will not be collected.

Those subscribed to the garden waste service will continue to receive collections on their usual schedule in the run up to Christmas and New Year, but there will be a break in collections during the second week of January to allow crews to focus on the extra seasonal recycling.

Subscribers can have their real Christmas trees collected after Christmas, by either cutting them up and putting them in their garden waste bin, or by placing it alongside the bin for collection in the week beginning 22 January.

There are no communal collection points for real Christmas trees, but those without a garden waste subscription can take their tree to their local household waste recycling centre.

Councillor Jo Gilford, Environment Portfolio Holder at Daventry District Council, said:

"The Christmas and New Year period can generate a lot of waste, but our residents always do a great job of recycling. Hopefully the improvements we have made to the service with the introduction of the 123+ service, plus the extra recycling collection in the week beginning 7 January, will give people an even greater opportunity to recycle this Christmas."

People are also reminded that they can check their collection day and set up notifications to remind them which bins to put out by downloading the DDC app for their mobile phone or tablet device.

Available for free from Apple's App Store and the Google Play store, the app can also be used to access the latest news from DDC, as well as information about local facilities, services, shops, bars and restaurants.

Alternatively people can check their bin collection dates and find out more about waste and recycling collections at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling