During the festive period, your recycling and refuse collections may take place on different days. Check our calendar below – and read on for tips on how to recycle more this Christmas!

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Collections will resume normal service on Monday 14 January 2019. Garden collection resumes normal service on Monday 7 January 2019 on your usual day.

If you have a missed bin over the Christmas period please report it at [www.ashford.gov.uk/wastecollections/reportmissedbin](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/wastecollections/reportmissedbin).

If we have been unable to collect from your street or area due to bad weather then please leave your bin out so the crews can access it for recollection.

[www.ashford.gov.uk/christmas-collection-dates](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/christmas-collection-dates)
Recycling at Christmas and New Year!

Not sure which bin festive items go into? Check our handy guide below:

### Green recycling bin
- Christmas cards
- Tin foil & foil serving trays
- Champagne, wine & beer bottles
- Paper only wrapping paper
- Cardboard boxes
- Sweet/Chocolate tins
- Christmas crackers

### Grey refuse bin
- Tinsel
- Broken decorations
- Bubblewrap & soft plastic packaging like cellophane
- Foil/shiny wrapping paper
- Champagne & wine corks
- Polystyrene

### Food Caddy
This year give your food caddy a good stuffing! Use it for your leftovers, turkey carcass and all your food waste from sprout tops to carrot and potato peelings!

*Visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for handy recipes for those festive leftovers!

### Recycling tips!
Most Christmas cards are paper-based and can be recycled but any extras such as ribbons, glitter or bows cannot be recycled and should be removed by tearing off that part of the card.

When it comes to wrapping paper- do the scrunch test! Only non-foil paper is accepted for recycling so to check, scrunch up the paper and if it doesn’t spring back then it’s non-foil and can be recycled.

Out of ease and convenience a lot of us order Christmas presents online which means items are likely to be delivered in boxes or envelopes made from corrugated cardboard. Remember to take out any polystyrene and flatten the boxes to save space!

### Christmas tree recycling
To recycle your living tree, please take it to Ashford’s Household Waste & Recycling Centre in Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate.

Alternatively you can place your cut up living tree in your brown garden wheeled bin for collection. To sign up to our fortnightly garden recycling collection service visit www.ashford.gov.uk/gardenrecycling

Or you can support Pilgrims Hospices by signing up to their tree recycling fundraising campaign.

This will cover the whole borough on 12 and 13 January, when residents can have their tree collected in return for a donation of their choice. What better way to support your local hospice this festive season!

To register, visit www.pilgrimshospices.org/treecycling or call 01233 504111.

### Decorations
If your Christmas decorations such as your tinsel and baubles have lost their sparkle then you will need to place these in your grey waste bin. Any natural decorations like ivy or holly can be recycled in your garden waste bin.

### Garden recycling and bulky item collections
As stated on your garden recycling collection calendars, there will be **NO garden waste or bulky collections over the festive period**; week commencing 24 December 2018 and 31 December 2018. These collections will resume on Monday 7 January 2019.

### Clinical collections
Weekly Monday clinical collections will **NOT** be affected during the Christmas period

www.ashford.gov.uk/christmas-collection-dates
Recycling tips and advice

WORRIED about WASTE?

Why not try our Wheel of Waste? Simply twist the wheel to find out which bin many household items should be disposed in. Email streetscene@ashford.gov.uk to request a free copy.

Remember!

- Dark plastic food trays, crisp packets and plastic/carrier bags should be placed in your grey refuse bin
- Please flatten cardboard boxes and plastic bottles to maximise space in your green recycling bin
- Food waste packaging should be emptied of its contents and rinsed before placing in your green recycling bin
- Your bin lids must close completely on collection day
- Please place sanitary waste in your grey refuse bin
- Don’t use plastic bags in your green or brown bins
- We cannot collect any side refuse next to your grey bin – make sure you are recycling everything you can. Place collapsed cardboard or additional recycle in a clear sack next to green bin if full.

For more recycling tips and advice visit: www.ashford.gov.uk/waste

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