



Everyone's bin collection days will change over the Christmas period



Find your bin day anytime at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday

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Waste collections will change for everyone in North Kesteven during the Christmas week, with bins either collected earlier or later depending on your usual day. reference this one only, which is now corrected. Thank you.

## Quick guide to Christmas waste

Here are some of the most common waste items over Christmas and what to do with them.
Reducing your waste first is the greatest gift you can give to our planet.

For a full A-Z guide of Christmas waste and which bins to put it in, see our webpage.

### Children's toys



Whether they're soft toys or made from plastic, they can't be recycled from home. If unwanted but in good condition, please donate.

If bad condition they can go in the black bin, provided they don't

- Black bins due for collection on Monday
   December 23 must be put out instead on the earlier day of Saturday December 21.
- Those due on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will need to be presented one day earlier than normal.
- The two remaining black bin collections in that week (December 26 and 27) will each be one day later than usual, with collections usually on Friday December 27 moving to Saturday December 28.

Some households may also see their collection days change over the New Year period:

- Green-lidded bins due on Monday December 30 and Tuesday December 31 will be collected as normal.
- However, from Wednesday January 1 to Friday
  January 3 collections will each be one day later
  than normal (with Friday's green-lidded bin
  collection moving to Saturday January 4).

Collections all return to their usual days from Monday January 6, which will be a black bin collection week again. As always, please remember to have your bins out **by 6.30am** on the relevant collection day.

#### See your brown bin calendar

Our garden waste customers are also reminded that brown bin collections reduce in December and January.

If you subscribe to the service, do check your collection calendar to find your next garden waste bin day. You can also see our website at <a href="https://www.n-</a>

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# contain electronics or batteries.

#### Wrapping paper



If it's got no foil or glitter it can go in the purple-lidded bin. Remove what tape you can. If it's glittery or has foil it needs to go in your black bin to be made into power.

Reuse gift bags rather than throwing them away!

## Tin foil and trays



Pop your clean foil trays and tin foil in your greenlidded bin. Greasy foil and tin trays must go in the black bin along with any



Did you know? after use, real trees can be cut up into small lengths and put in your brown garden waste bin.

Some charities are also offering collections of real Christmas trees, such as St Barnabas HERE.

## Sorry, no side waste

We're unfortunately unable to collect waste left next to your bins, however breaking down boxes and squashing clean cans and plastic bottles can help maximise space inside them over the festive period.

Extra waste can also be taken to your Household Waste Recycling Centre. Find opening times HERE, and check Lincolnshire County Council's feed on X (formerly Twitter) before you go for any service updates and disruptions.

Be wary of anyone who offers to take your waste for cheap - they could be fly-tippers. See our helpful receipt tool here.

### The danger of batteries

Batteries must never go in your bins as they are a serious fire risk to our vehicles and crews.

Please take them to collection points in shops instead, or to your Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Electronics such as old toys, string lights and appliances also present a fire risk and must not go in any of your bins! Donate if in good condition or take to your local HWRC.

cling film, to be made into electricity.

#### **Sweet wrappers and tins**



The outer plastic, tin or metal tub from sweets can go in your greenlidded bin. Sweet pouches are soft plastics and must go to collection points in shops or the black bin only to be made into electricity. Plastic wrappers from sweets also need to go to shop collection points or your black bin only.

#### Check out our leaflet



If you're unsure on which bin something should go in, check our Right Thing Right Bin leaflet.

Select the image (right) to see it. There's also an A-Z of recycling on our website.



## We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Thank you for all you're doing on waste and recycling.







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