



The festive period is almost upon us, and we've got you covered on all things recycling and waste.

Recycling, waste and garden subscription collections are changing for two weeks over Christmas and the New Year period.

Usually collected	Will be collected on
Monday 23 December	No change
Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve	No change
Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day	Friday 27 December
Thursday 26 December - Boxing Day	Saturday 28 December
Friday 27 December	Sunday 29 December
Monday 30 December	No change
Tuesday 31 December - New Year's Eve	No change
Wednesday 1 January 2025 - New Year's Day	Thursday 2 January 2025
Thursday 2 January 2025	Friday 3 January 2025
Friday 3 January 2025	Saturday 4 January 2025

Collections will return to normal from **Monday 6 January 2025**.

In addition, no bulky waste or free reuse collections will be made on **Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December or Wednesday 1 January**.

Polystyrene collection

We would like to remind residents that we will collect excess polystyrene from households on general (black bin/black reusable sack) waste collection days from **Monday 6 January 2025** until **Friday 17 January 2025**.

If you have extra polystyrene packaging that won't fit in your black bin or sack, just place it within a clear or white plastic bag next to your black bin/black gull sack on your collection day.

It must be in a clear or white sack so that the collection crews can easily identify it. The clear bag must only hold polystyrene, or it won't be collected. Any excess general waste or black sacks left to the side of your bin or gull sack will not be collected.

After **17 January**, please remember that as polystyrene is not currently recyclable it must be placed in your black bin/black reusable sack or taken to Lynnbottom or Afton Marsh Household Waste Recycling Centre and placed in the general rubbish skip.

Cardboard waste

If you have lots of cardboard waste, please bundle up and place it separately to the side of your recycling bin/sack on your recycling week collection.

Batteries

- Batteries must always be removed from electrical items before being collected.
- Place your spent household batteries safely and separately in their own clear sandwich sized bag.
- Leave the clear bag holding the batteries on top (not inside) of your general waste (black bin/black reusable sack) on your general waste collection week.

Batteries thrown into ordinary bins/sacks, household waste or with other recycling are dangerous.

Large batteries such as laptop/phone/power tool batteries and car batteries or items where the batteries cannot be removed should be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Real Christmas tree collection

If you have an active Garden Waste Subscription, you can also dispose of real Christmas trees as part of the service. The tree should be clear of all decorations and pots and can be left to the side of your garden bin on your collection day between **Monday 6 January and Friday 17 January 2025**.

Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Lynnbottom and Afton Marsh Household Waste and Recycling Centres will be closed on Christmas Day. Other than this, normal opening hours apply.

Book your visit in advance or choose a same day booking by visiting the Isle of Wight Council's website or by calling (01983) 823777.

More information on waste and recycling can be found at www.iow.gov.uk/waste