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Welcome to the November edition of Recycling: Let's Sort It News, your waste and recycling newsletter from Wiltshire Council.

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Celebrating one year of Recycling: Let's Sort It News!

This month marks one year since we launched the Recycling: Let's Sort It newsletter!

Thanks to your efforts we will reduce waste and recycle more in Wiltshire 

In the last financial year (2023/24), we recycled, reused or composted 43.7% of Wiltshire's household waste. That is nearly a 4% increase from the previous financial year (40%).

This newsletter aims to give you tips and tricks to help increase our recycling rate further.

If you know anyone that might be interested in this newsletter that do not already receive it then please encourage them to sign up by ticking the waste collections, recycling and litter box at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/newsletter

Storm Bert - disruption to household waste and recycling collections

Due to the recent heavy rainfall, we have been experiencing disruption to waste collections across the county.

Our waste crews are working hard to catch-up. If your bin isn't emptied, please leave it out if safe to do so and it will be collected as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience.

[Visit our service disruption page to keep updated](#)



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Let's reduce it!

Avoid unnecessary purchases this Black Friday and Cyber Monday

According to research by Leeds University, Black Friday alone is responsible for the release of around 400,000 tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere.

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...purchases if you can by only buying items you had already planned to buy.

Remember, it's not a saving if you weren't going to buy it anyway.



Rehome it – donate your unwanted Christmas decorations

It's nearly the most wonderful (and wasteful...) time of the year again! Many of us will already be starting to think about putting the Christmas decs up. Here are some tips on what to do with your unwanted decorations:

- Tinsel and baubles are not recyclable, instead you can donate good quality decorations to your local charity shop for reuse. You can also donate good quality Christmas lights you no longer use too.
- If decorations contain dead batteries, make sure to recycle these by placing them in a clear sealed bag next to your blue-lidded bin/sack on collection day.
- If you have electrical decorations that are not suitable for reuse, you can recycle them. Any electrical item smaller than the size of a standard shoe box can be collected for recycling at the kerbside. Simply place in a supermarket carrier bag next to your blue-lidded bin or bag on collection day. Larger electricals can be recycled at a household recycling centre (HRC).

Christmas waste donations and collections



Council makes decision on kerbside recycling changes from 2027

At its meeting on 19 November Wiltshire Council's Cabinet agreed its future approach to collecting recycling when its current contracts to carry out this service come to an end in 2026. Once the changes are introduced in 2027, which will see us start to collect flexible plastics from the kerbside, it should result in a significant reduction in annual revenue expenditure, increased income from commodity sales, improved recycling rate, simplification of the recycling sorting process and significant reduction in carbon emissions. As [confirmed previously](#), we will also commence food waste collections from the kerbside in 2027.

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Christmas waste and recycling collection schedule

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Your normal collection day	Rescheduled household waste and recycling collections	Garden waste collection
Wednesday 25 December 2024	Friday 27 December 2024	⊗ No collection
Thursday 26 December 2024	Saturday 28 December 2024	⊗ No collection
Friday 27 December 2024	Monday 30 December 2024	⊗ No collection
Monday 30 December 2024	Tuesday 31 December 2024	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 31 December 2024	Thursday 2 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 1 January 2025	Friday 3 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Thursday 2 January 2025	Saturday 4 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Friday 3 January 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Monday 6 January 2025	Tuesday 7 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 7 January 2025	Wednesday 8 January 2025	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 8 January 2025	Thursday 9 January 2025	Thursday 9 January 2025
Thursday 9 January 2025	Friday 10 January 2025	Saturday 11 January 2025
Friday 10 January 2025	Saturday 11 January 2025	Friday 10 January 2025

Household waste, recycling, and garden waste collections over Christmas

There will be changes to your collection days for all household collection services over the Christmas period. Your online waste collection calendar has already been updated to reflect these changes. You can check it here - [Waste collection calendar - Wiltshire Council](#)

Waste collection crews will not be working on Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January.

Garden waste collections will cease for two weeks over Christmas. The last collections will take place on Tuesday 24 December. The garden waste service will be suspended for collections scheduled for Wednesday 25 December 2024 to Tuesday 7 January 2025. Collections will resume on Thursday 9 January 2025, for those with a collection due on Wednesday 8 January 2025.

Normal service will resume for all collections on Monday 13 January.

Waste Collection Calendar

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Recycling tip of the month

Choosing recyclable wrapping paper for your Christmas gifts helps to reduce waste and recycle more. Wrapping paper made from paper and free of glitter can be recycled. Laminated or foil paper can't.

If you can scrunch it and it doesn't spring back, you can recycle it.

[More information on what to do with your Christmas waste](#)

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Household recycling centres opening times

Amesbury	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗	⊗
Devizes	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗
Lower Compton (Calne)	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗
Marlborough	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗	⊗
Melksham	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗	⊗
Purton	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗	⊗
Salisbury	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗
Stanton St Quintin (Chippenham)	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗
Trowbridge	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗
Warminster	10am-1pm	⊗	⊗	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	⊗

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centre-locations **Wiltshire Council**

Changes to Household Recycling Centre (HRC) opening times over Christmas

Recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all-day Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. All other days will operate under normal opening hours on their specified opening days

HRC locations and opening times

Monthly myth buster

Myth – the waste from my household bin gets sent to landfill.

Fact – the waste collected from your household waste bin is sent to one of our energy from waste facilities (EfW), with only 14.9% of Wiltshire's household waste being sent to landfill.

We work hard to reduce the amount waste that is sent to landfill. Recycling is not the only way we do this. In addition to recycling, in the financial year 2023 to 2024, we diverted 41.4% of Wiltshire's waste from landfill using waste treatment processes which can reclaim some energy from waste.

We have a contract to send 60,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste to [Northacre](#)

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Processes (MBT). Residues from this process are landfilled.

We have a contract to send 50,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste to the [Lakeside Energy from Waste \(EfW\)](#) facility in Slough which converts the waste into energy. No waste from this process is landfilled.

What happened to your household waste and recycling last year

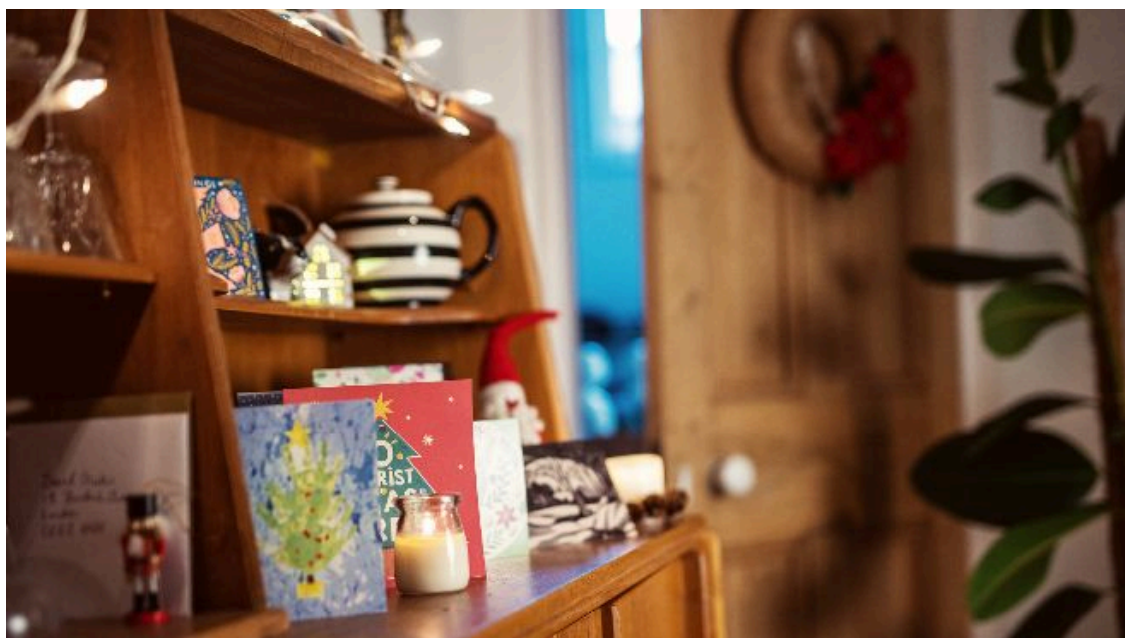


Engaging with Wiltshire's young recyclers!

Last month we were delighted to meet with Salisbury Scouts who were working towards the Earth Tribe Badge, and 6th Trowbridge Brownies to educate them about reducing waste and recycling more.

Officers from our Waste and Recycling team spoke to the children about the Waste Hierarchy (which prioritises how waste should be managed), provided tips on how to reduce waste, ways to reuse items and recycle more. They also gave the children an insight into how we process recycling in Wiltshire at the materials recovery facility.

Engagement talks such as these are a great way to educate communities of all ages in Wiltshire and spread the important environmental benefits of managing waste sustainably.



Double agent; rethink your old Christmas cards

Last month we introduced a new feature, which uncovers items that are double agents in disguise. Some items have dual uses, and we will be spotlighting these to help you reduce your waste, save money and get creative!

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Did you know that you can make gift labels using old Christmas cards? Cut or punch your old Christmas cards into tag shapes for Christmas gifts. You can create simple tag shapes by cutting a rectangle, then snipping triangles away from two corners and punching a hole in the top

[More information on what to do with your Christmas waste](#)



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