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your Christmas collections schedule

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WHAT'S YOUR FESTIVE #PLASTIC SOLUTION?

Change your relationship with plastic this holiday season to help reduce your carbon footprint.

Did you know?



Plastic is made from oil, a fossil fuel that contains carbon stored from plants and animals that lived millions of years ago.



This fossil carbon is released into the atmosphere when your rubbish is treated, which contributes to climate change.



Plastic waste probably makes up around 16% of the weight of your rubbish bin, but accounts for 70% of your bin's carbon footprint.

It takes 75% less energy to make a plastic bottle using recycled plastic compared to newly made plastic.



So, that's why keeping plastic out of your rubbish bin is a really simple and effective way to cut your carbon footprint.



There are many ways to reduce the amount of plastic waste in your rubbish bin.

Why not try out some of the #PlasticSolutions below, or share yours on social media using the hashtag #PlasticSolution:



"I avoid shiny or glittery wrapping paper that contains plastic".

"I make sure I buy all my Christmas veg loose - no need for plastic bags or wrapping".



"I store my Christmas leftovers in recycled plastic containers".

"I buy a plastic-free advent calendar".



"I steer clear of plastic artificial Christmas trees - I prefer a real one from a certified 'Grown in Britain' supplier".

Want to find out more about the link between plastic waste and your bin's carbon footprint?

Visit www.slwp.org.uk/plastic-solution

What goes where?

The table below summarises the collection services received by houses in the borough. Containers may differ for houses with no frontage. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/recycling if you're unsure.

View and download your 2025 collection calendar by using the postcode search tool at www.croydon.gov.uk/recycling






If you're on a mobile device, use your camera to scan the QR code. If you're not online, pop into a local library to access a computer. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling for more information on what you can and can't recycle.



Stick me on your fridge so that you can refer to this helpful recycling information year-round!



Food waste

-  ✓ All cooked and uncooked food
-  ✓ Dairy products: cheese and eggs
-  ✓ Fruit and vegetable peelings
-  ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
-  ✓ Meat and fish bones

- ✗ **No plastic bags**
(use compostable liners or newspapers to line your food waste bin)






- ✗ **No nappies**

Container

Houses
Collected every week



Plastics, glass, cans and cartons

-  ✓ Plastic bottles
-  ✓ Plastic pots, tubs and trays etc.
-  ✓ Glass jars and bottles
-  ✓ Cans, tins, aerosols and tin foil
-  ✓ Food and drink cartons

- ✗ **No plastic bags**
- ✗ **No plastic film**
- ✗ **No rigid plastic**
(toys, buckets etc.)






Container

Houses
Collected every 2 weeks



Rinse out these items

Paper and card

-  ✓ Newspapers and magazines
-  ✓ Card and cardboard
-  ✓ Toilet/kitchen roll tubes
-  ✓ Cardboard egg boxes
-  ✓ Greetings cards

- ✗ **No plastic bags**
- ✗ **No food and drink cartons**
- ✗ **No tissues**
- ✗ **No shiny or glittery wrapping paper**
- ✗ **No cellotape**
- ✗ **No glittery greetings cards**






Container

Houses
Collected every 2 weeks



Flatten cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bin

Non-recyclable waste

-  ✓ Non-recyclable rubbish
-  ✓ Food-stained cardboard (i.e. dirty pizza boxes)
-  ✓ Plastic bags and film
-  ✓ Polystyrene
-  ✓ Nappies

- ✗ **No recycling or food waste**
- ✗ **No electrical items or batteries***
- ✗ **No gas canisters**

* Batteries and textiles

Residents living in houses can present one small bag of either batteries or textiles per week. Please place the loosely tied bag next to your recycling container for collection.

Container

Houses
Collected every 2 weeks





How do I?...



Report a missed collection

- Go to croydon.gov.uk/recycling
- Fill in your address and the bin type which was missed
- Our crews will then be alerted to return and collect



Report a fly-tip

- Report it at croydon.gov.uk/flytipping
- Our crews will visit the location and remove the fly-tip
- You can also report fly-tips easily using the Love Clean Streets App, available for both iOS and Android



Report an overflowing street litter bin

- Report it at croydon.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets
- Our crews will empty it



Visit the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre or Reuse Shop

Find out more information about where they are and what you can recycle here: croydon.gov.uk/hrrc



Leave a compliment or make a complaint

Fill out the form at croydon.gov.uk/complaints



Festive food tips

Christmas is a time of year where we tend to buy more food than usual, but with a little planning, there are lots of ways you can reduce your food waste impact and save some money.



REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WASTE YOU CREATE

Plan your meals in advance, and only buy what you need to reduce unnecessary food waste. **TOP TIP: buying loose vegetables can really help with this one.**



REINVENT DISHES WITH LEFTOVER FOOD

If you do have too much leftover food, you can put it to good use by getting creative in the kitchen - visit lovefoodhatewaste.com for some festive inspiration. Or use spare containers, and freeze it for another time.

Recycle unavoidable food waste

Some food waste is inevitable, like vegetable peelings and egg shells. Don't forget that recycling your food waste is as easy as 1 2 3! Did you know that the food waste you separate out for recycling is used to generate electricity? To find out more about where your food waste recycling is taken, visit: www.slpw.org.uk/destination-recycling

- ✓ Fruit and veg peelings
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Plate scrapings
- ✓ Mouldy food

- ✓ Meat and fish bones
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Small cut flowers

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Bin bags
- ✗ Packaging
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Garden Waste

Did you know?

A caddy load of food waste could generate enough electricity to power a home for almost an hour!

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05:00

out for collection



Christmas and New Year Collections

Recycling and waste collections will change over the festive season:

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Wednesday 25 December 2024	Friday 27 December 2024	2 days later
Thursday 26 December 2024	Saturday 28 December 2024	2 days later
Friday 27 December 2024	Monday 30 December 2024	3 days later
Monday 30 December 2024	Tuesday 31 December 2024	1 day later
Tuesday 31 December 2024	Thursday 2 January 2025	2 days later
Wednesday 1 January 2025	Friday 3 January 2025	2 days later
Thursday 2 January 2025	Saturday 4 January 2025	2 days later
Friday 3 January 2025	Monday 6 January 2025	3 days later
Monday 6 January 2025	Tuesday 7 January 2025	1 day later
Tuesday 7 January 2025	Wednesday 8 January 2025	1 day later
Wednesday 8 January 2025	Thursday 9 January 2025	1 day later
Thursday 9 January 2025	Friday 10 January 2025	1 day later
Friday 10 January 2025	Saturday 11 January 2025	1 day later

Collections return to normal from Monday 13 January 2025. Please remember to put your bins out by 6am on your collection day.

Factory Lane, Fishers Farm and Purley Oaks Household Reuse and Recycling Centre opening hours

The **HRRCs** will be open normal hours over the festive period with the following exceptions:

Christmas Eve:

Usual opening time - midday

Christmas Day:

Closed

Boxing Day:

Closed

New Year's Day:

Closed



Visit [croydon.gov.uk/hrrc](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/hrrc) for more information on HRRC opening hours.



Christmas Tree Collections

Want your real tree to be collected? Put it out by **6am on Monday 6 January 2025** and it will be collected within a fortnight.

Remember to remove all decorations, pots, etc. Put your tree close to the front boundary of your property, visible to collection crews and so it won't block the pavement. If you live in a flat, put your tree outside the bin store but don't block access to it.

Alternatively you can:

- Take your tree to be composted at the HRRC
- Leave it next to your rubbish bin on your collection day (it will not be recycled)
- Chop it up to create a winter shelter for animals in your garden or add it to your compost heap

