

Waste and recycling collection calendar

2025-2026

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Your collection day is **Thursday**

Reference code: **THU/B**

Key:  Waste and recycling  Recycling only  Christmas tree kerbside

December '25	4	11	18	29	
January '26	5	10	16 	22	29
February	5	12	19	26	
March	5	12	19	26	
April	2	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	28	
June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17		

Waste and recycling collections



- Wheelie bin
- Black box
- Blue bag
- Red bag
- Brown food waste bin

Recycling only collections



- Black box
- Blue bag
- Red bag
- Brown food waste bin

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- Please put your bins and boxes out by 6am on your collection day and remember to bring them in as soon as possible after they have been collected.
- Your wheelie bin must close, otherwise we cannot collect it. We do not collect waste left next to bins.

Key dates for the festive season

We collect on every bank holiday throughout the year, except for 25 and 26 December and 1 January.

Please consult the calendar for your revised collection days in December and January. Garden waste and bulky waste collection services will be suspended after Friday 19 December and will resume Monday 26 January 2025.

Our recycling centres are open all year round, including bank holidays, except for 25 and 26 December and 1 January. Visit www.bristol.gov.uk/bookrecycling to book your visit.



In severe weather our crews work hard to maintain usual services, though sometimes delays will happen when conditions are hazardous.

In instances of severe weather, please check our website and social media for updates.

Book, order or report

Visit www.bristol.gov.uk/recycle to:

- [Report a missed collection](#)
- [Order a new bin, box or bag](#)
- [Book a bulky waste collection](#)
- [Book the recycling centre](#)

Recycling your festive goods



Take your Christmas tree to your nearest recycling centre for free.

For those with Christmas tree collections, trees must be no taller than 2m and all decorations must be removed. Check your calendar for the 🌲 symbol. Real trees can also be brought to your local recycling centres.



Please sort your recycling. Make sure items are in the correct bin, box or bag. This helps our crews do their jobs and ensures everything gets recycled!



We can only recycle festive cards without glitter. Please put them in your blue bag with other cardboard.



Please remove tape and flatten and fold your cardboard so it fits inside your blue bag.



We are unable to collect wrapping paper to be recycled. Refer to manufacturer for recycling instructions.



Use your brown food waste bin for any food leftovers and help generate energy for Bristol. Visit our website to learn what can be recycled as food waste.



Batteries and fairy lights can be recycled in your black box. Place them in an untied bag inside the box.



To find out more about what goes in each of your recycling containers please visit bristolwastecompany.co.uk/festive