

Festive collections 2022-23

Usual Day

Monday 26 Dec
Tuesday 27 Dec
Wednesday 28 Dec
Thursday 29 Dec
Friday 30 Dec

Monday 2 Jan
Tuesday 3 Jan
Wednesday 4 Jan
Thursday 5 Jan
Friday 6 Jan

Revised Day

Tuesday 27 Dec
Wednesday 28 Dec
Thursday 29 Dec
Friday 30 Dec
Saturday 31 Dec

Tuesday 3 Jan
Wednesday 4 Jan
Thursday 5 Jan
Friday 6 Jan
Saturday 7 Jan

Collection day changes

Festive Bank Holidays mean a change in collection days for rubbish and recycling – please make sure you don't miss out.

Collections are unchanged up to and including collections on Friday 24 Dec. No collections on Monday 26 Dec or Monday 2 Jan. Both weeks' collections are a day later than usual, including Saturday collections on 31 Dec and 7 Jan for waste usually collected Friday.

Recycling site opening

All 16 recycling sites are open on their usual winter hours over Christmas and New Year, but all close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Crewkerne recycling site will have one extra day open on Tuesday 27 Dec.

Weather watch

Severe weather can disrupt collections so please bear with us if we see snow and ice in the coming weeks.

We'll return as soon as possible for any missed collections, but if conditions are bad we may not be able to meet our usual 'return in two days' target. Check [somersetwaste.gov.uk](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk) for updates.

In the meantime, you may wish to 'clear the decks' before the festive period so you have room in your recycling boxes and refuse bin.

Recycle all you can in your next collection. If you're able, you may want to take black bag refuse to a recycling site so your bin is empty when the festive season starts.

Waste less this Christmas

The festive season always generates extra waste, but much can be avoided by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Check [somersetwaste.gov.uk/festive](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/festive) for tips and guidance, from meal planning to cutting back on cardboard.

What to do with festive favourites?

- **Wrapping paper:** Only paper wrap can be recycled (black box or recycling site). Glittery/foil/plastic wrap must go in the refuse bin. Remove tape, bows, decorations. We cannot take paper in black sacks for recycling.
- **Pringles (and other similar tubes):** Accepted at 12 sites (all but Castle Cary, Cheddar, Dulverton and Somerton).
- **Tubs and tins of sweets and chocolates:** Plastic/metal in the Bright Blue Bag, or take to recycling site.

And Christmas trees?

Compost if possible.

Remove all decorations before recycling - real trees can be composted or taken to any recycling site.

Garden waste subscriber? Trees up to 6ft feet go out with first 2023 collection.

Arrange a charity tree collection for a donation, including St Margaret's Hospice or Dorothy House Hospice Care [just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](https://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree).

Have a merry Fixmas

There's still time to visit a Somerset repair café before Christmas. Look out for our Fixy van which is promoting

reuse and collecting unwanted smart tech. [somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy).

Find Fixy:

- Fri9Dec 9am-1pm, Market Place
Shepton Mallet BA4 5AZ.
- Sat17Dec 10am-12pm, **Glastonbury**
Repair Café, St Edmunds Community Hall, BA6 8EB.
- Sat7Jan 10am-12pm, **Wellington**
High St TA21 8QT, supporting Wellington Repair Café.
- Sat7Jan 2-4pm, Bridge Café,
Langport TA10 9RB.
- Sun15Jan 11am-2pm, **Otterford**
Repair Café, Parish Hall TA20 3RS.

And future repair cafés include:

- Mon, Thu, Sat 10-12 - Share and Repair, 18 Silver Street, **Ilminster**.
- Tue 10-11.30 - Sewing Repair Hub, 9 Fore Street, **Chard** TA20 1PP.
- Sat10Dec 9am-12pm, General Repair Hub, Fore St, **Chard** TA20 1PP.
- Sat10Dec 11am-1pm, Repairer Artbank Café, High St, **Shepton Mallet** BA4 5AA.
- Sat17Dec 10am-12pm, **Glastonbury**
Repair Café, St Edmunds Community Hall, BA6 8EW.
- Sat17Dec, Repair Café, Community Centre, **Wiveliscombe** TA4 2JP.

Do more online, waste less time

With My Waste Services at [somersetwaste.gov.uk](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk), you can manage these and more 24/7:

- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Order any recycle container free
- Order paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard