

Recycling - Let's get it sorted this Christmas

During the festive season it is important to remember that Christmas is a time when waste in North Ayrshire is at its highest level.

More waste is produced over the festive period - such as wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, Christmas trees, old decorations, bottles and leftover food - and this often means that recycling is forgotten about and waste is simply bundled up into one bag and thrown away.

However, it is easier than ever to make sure that you keep up the good work which has enabled North Ayrshire residents to recycle 41 percent of our waste.

Did you know?

- Over 1 billion Christmas cards are sent each year.
- We use around 750 million bottles and glass containers and 500 million drinks cans over the festive period.
- Over 7.5 million real Christmas Trees are bought every year.

The frightening thing is that most of this could end up in our bins in the New Year.

This year we are asking you to think seriously about what you can do to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste not just over the festive period but to make this a choice for life.

- **Real Christmas Trees** - put out at the kerbside week commencing 17 January on your normal refuse collection day and our operatives will collect.
- **Use your blue bins** for recycling any paper, or cards that you dispose of over Christmas and the New Year (please do not include foil wrapping paper).
- **A lot more glass bottles and jars are used over the Christmas period.** Why not recycle at one of the many bottle banks across the Island.

Christmas Uplift arrangements

Domestic refuse collections over the festive period will be as follows:

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 27 December 2010	Wednesday 29 December 2010
Tuesday 28 December 2010	Thursday 30 December 2010
Wednesday 29 December 2010	Friday 31 December 2010
Monday 3 January 2011	Wednesday 5 January 2011
Tuesday 4 January 2011	Thursday 6 January 2011
Wednesday 5 January 2011	Friday 7 January 2011

Offices will be closed on Monday 27 December, Tuesday 28 December and closed from 1pm on Friday 31 December 2010. Offices are also closed Monday 3 January and Tuesday 4 January 2011.

Any additional refuse can be taken to the local Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be closed 25 - 28 December 2010 and 1 - 4 January 2011, but will be open as normal every other day.

Please place any large items of cardboard beside your blue wheeled bin on the day of collection. As in previous years the Cleansing Services will uplift Christmas trees for disposal. These should be placed beside the wheeled bin on the day of collection week commencing 17 January 2011.

Have a Happy and Environmentally Friendly Christmas!

Reduce

- Say no to unwanted carrier bags when shopping - try to reuse your old ones;
- Avoid buying goods that have unnecessary packaging or try to buy food and drink packaged in materials that can be recycled;
- Buy drinks like lemonade in large containers, rather than lots of small ones; and
- Avoid using paper plates and cups if you are planning a party.

Reuse

- Why not make gift tags from your old greetings cards;
- Pass any unwanted gifts to your local charity shop rather than throwing them away; and
- Buy rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.

Recycle

Blue wheeled bins

A lot of the waste created during the festive period can be recycled. Wrapping paper (no foil), cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and steel and aluminium cans should be recycled using your blue bin.

Glass bottles and jars

Glass bottles can be recycled at one of the many bottle banks across the Island.

Electrical goods

Many people will have small electrical items such as straighteners, hairdryers and white goods to replace during the festive period. All electrical items can be disposed of at the Transfer Station.

Food waste

Food is a huge part of the Christmas celebration. However, it is often the case that a lot of good food goes to waste. When you are preparing meals make sure that you aren't making lots more than you expect to serve - although there is always room for some second helpings.

Everyone has experience of turkey sandwiches for days after Christmas, but there are plenty of recipes which can utilise those leftovers in a far more creative way. Pick up some tips at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.



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FOOD
hate waste

We'll recycle
your Christmas
cards

Special Uplift arrangements

Special uplifts will be suspended from 24 December 2010 and will start again week beginning 10 January 2011.

Councillor Tom Barr, Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said:

"Over the Christmas and New Year period recycling becomes even more important as we produce much more waste at this time of year.

"Thanks to everyone who plays a part in protecting our environment."

Transfer Station

Site	Location	Fluorescent & Energy Saving Lightbulbs	Glass	Cans	Paper	Plastic Bottles	Cardboard	Textiles	Rubble	Electrical Appliances & TVs	White Goods	Metal	Household Batteries
Brodick	Market Road	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Reduce Reuse Recycle
towards zero waste

