



London Borough
of Hounslow

 Hounslow recycles

Recycling and Rubbish

Christmas Collections 2023



www.hounslow.gov.uk/christmascollections

Christmas and New Year Collections 2023

Hounslow's collection team will be working hard over the Christmas and New Year period to continue carrying out residents' recycling and waste collections. Both the Garden Waste and Bulky Waste collection service will be suspended for two weeks over this period to assist with the additional workload. The last day of these services will be **Friday, 22 December 2023** and they will resume on **Monday, 8 January 2024**.

Space Way Re-use and Recycling Centre will be closed on **Monday 25** and **Tuesday 26 December**, as well as **Monday, 1 January, 2024**.

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 25 December	Saturday 23 December
Tuesday 26 December	Wednesday 27 December
Wednesday 27 December	Thursday 28 December
Thursday 28 December	Friday 29 December
Friday 29 December	Saturday 30 December
Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January

Normal collections will resume on Monday 8 January 2024

We ho-ho-hope you don't, but if you do experience a missed collection, scan this QR code to report this via our website:



How can I recycle more?

Rethink, reduce, reuse, recycle: Our priority should always be to buy, consume and waste less. Here is what you can do with some common household items this Christmas.

Small electricals

If you have an electrical item that is still in good working condition you could consider selling it or passing it on to someone. Alternatively, we can collect these as part of your kerbside recycling service. The general rule is if the item (including the cord) fits in a (clearly labelled) carrier bag we can collect it. Please place this alongside your kerbside recycling boxes for collection. More information around what we can collect can be found here:



Textiles

Clothes and shoes are often a popular gift at Christmas, consider donating, selling, or recycling your old or unwanted items.



You can donate your unwanted (but good quality) clothes and shoes to a local charity shop or sell these to make some extra money. Alternatively, you can recycle these through your kerbside recycling service, you need to present them in a clearly labelled carrier bag and place them next to your recycling boxes on collection day. Other options include using one of our 16 Salvation Army textile banks across the Borough to recycle your unwanted textiles, you can find your closest one here: www.salvationarmydonationcentre.org/bank-finder or book a free home collection with TR Aid, more information and how to book can be found here: www.traid.org.uk/clothes-donations/book-a-collection

Furniture

Need to get rid of large items?



Making space for new furniture or clearing out to make space for hosting? You can donate good quality unwanted furniture to the Hounslow furniture project www.hounslowct.org.uk/furniture-recycling or you could give them away through the Freegle (or similar) app. Alternatively, you can use a local reuse and recycling site to dispose of your bulky items, more information around Christmas opening times and for terms and conditions please visit the sites website prior to visiting www.hounslow.gov.uk/spacewaye

Help ensure a **cleaner and greener** Hounslow by reducing your waste and recycling right this **Christmas!**

Things to remember:

If you have additional recycling, please present this in a clearly labelled carrier bag alongside your recycling boxes. It is important that you present the contents of the recycling in the same way you would when using your boxes. For example, all plastic and cans (red box) should be included in one bag, all paper and cardboard (blue box) should be in another, and glass (green box) in another. If these are mixed, the additional recycling will not be collected.



Cardboard boxes must be flattened, and pieces should be no bigger than 70x70cm in to fit within our recycling vehicles.

Keep all plastic wrapping and film out of your recycling.

To find out more about disposing of this type of plastic, please visit www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/plastic-bags-and-wrapping

Excess waste left next to or on top of your wheeled bin will not be collected. Please keep this waste until your next rubbish collection date, or you can take it to Hounslow's Space Way Household Reuse and Recycling Centre (TW14 0TH). More information can be found at www.hounslow.gov.uk/spacewaye.

Watch our recycling tutorial video here:



Do not put old batteries in your recycling box. Disposing of batteries incorrectly can cause fires and be extremely dangerous for our collection crews. Batteries can be taken to any local retailer that sells batteries as they offer a disposal service – residents may also recycle used batteries at any library in Hounslow. More information can be found at www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/batteries



Keep our collection team safe by ensuring all aerosol cans are completely empty before recycling them in your red box— aerosol cans that are not completely empty can pose a fire risk at our materials handling facility and cause injury to our crew.



Learn more about how to recycle correctly and efficiently by scanning the QR code, or visiting www.hounslow.gov.uk/christmascollections



Christmas



Tree

Collections

Real Christmas trees will be collected in January 2024 between Monday, 8 January and Friday, 19 January. You will need to place your real Christmas tree (with lights and decorations removed) on the boundary of your property, not on the pavement, by 7am for collection.

Please note that artificial Christmas trees will not be collected.

If your usual refuse collection day is:	Your Christmas tree collection:
Monday 1 January	Monday 8 January
Tuesday 2 January	Tuesday 9 January
Wednesday 3 January	Wednesday 10 January
Thursday 4 January	Thursday 11 January
Friday 5 January	Friday 12 January
Monday 8 January	Monday 15 January
Tuesday 9 January	Tuesday 16 January
Wednesday 10 January	Wednesday 17 January
Thursday 11 January	Thursday 18 January
Friday 12 January	Friday 19 January

Alternatively, you can drop your real Christmas tree off at one of the designated collection points listed below between Wednesday, 27 December 2023, and Friday, 26 January, 2024:

Hanworth Air Park - Car park opposite Hounslow Road TW13 6AA

Hounslow Heath - Car park opposite Staines Road TW4 5AR

Redlees Park - Worton Road car park TW7 6DW

Bedfont Lakes - Clockhouse Lane car park TW14 8QA

Space Way – North Feltham Trading Estate, Pier Road, Feltham TW14 0TH

How could you make your Christmas more 'green'?

At Christmas we know that we may generate more recycling and rubbish whether it be wrapping paper, packaging, or food. We want to encourage our residents to support a circular economy: use less and reuse, repair and recycle more this Christmas season. It is good for the planet and good for your pocket.

Minimise food waste –

buy only what you need and get creative with leftovers. If you have bought too much consider donating to a local food bank or use a food sharing app such as Surplus to Supper or OLIO. For all unavoidable food waste make sure to recycle this in your food waste bin.

Save energy –

swap out incandescent lights for LED lights on your Christmas tree, surprisingly if every UK household did this, we could save more than £11 million or 29,000 tonnes of CO₂ just over the 12 days of Christmas! LED lights use up to 80% less energy than incandescent lights, save yourself some money and reduce your carbon footprint.

Consider buying used?

Instead of purchasing new gifts consider shopping used. Check out charity shops, antique shops, eBay or Facebook marketplace. You'll save money and reduce your carbon footprint at the same time!

Shop local –

reduce your emissions and support small and local businesses. Check out local shops, farmer's markets, or family-owned businesses for unique finds.

Wrapping paper and Christmas cards –

avoid shiny, glittery or foil wrapping paper and Christmas cards as these cannot be recycled. Before recycling wrapping paper, do the scrunch test - if it stays crunched then it can be recycled. Remember to remove all sticky tape, labels, or decorations.

Find out more about
Circular Economy here:

