



Festive recycling

Don't forget, lots of festive items can be recycled, such as:

- crackers
- envelopes
- cards
- bottles
- cans
- wrapping paper (not foil or cellophane)
- cardboard packaging

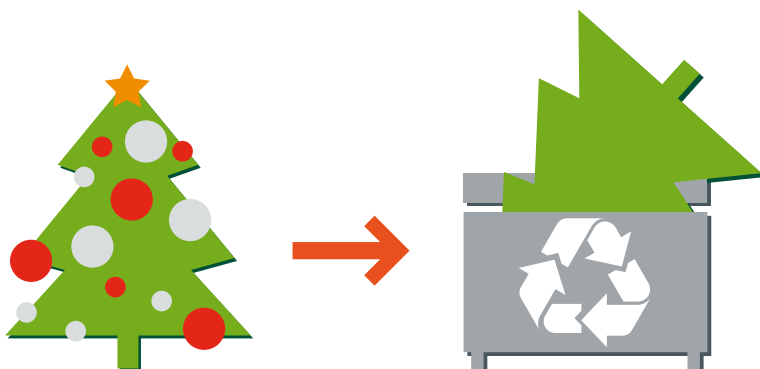
i For more information on what you can and cannot recycle please visit our website www.spelthorne.gov.uk/recycling or contact Customer Services on **01784 451499** or e-mail customer.services@spelthorne.gov.uk

Recycle your real Christmas tree

Between Tuesday 3 and Sunday 22 January, you can take your real Christmas tree to one of the following collection points for disposal:

- Fordbridge Park, Kingston Road, Ashford, TW15 3SJ
- Manor Park, Church Road, Shepperton, TW17 9JT
- Old Bathing Station, Fordbridge Road, Sunbury on Thames, TW16 6BT

i For information call Customer Services on **01784 451499** or e-mail customer.services@spelthorne.gov.uk



The amount of wrapping paper estimated to be thrown away in the UK at Christmas could stretch to the moon if each sheet was laid end to end*.

In the UK approximately 250 tonnes* of Christmas trees that could have been recycled are simply thrown out after Christmas.

*based on WRAP research from 2007

Seasonal rubbish, recycling and food waste collections



Pic: Vicky Ellis

Collection	Scheduled collection day	→ Revised collection day
Recycling and food waste	Monday 19 December - Friday 23 December	→ No change
Rubbish and food waste	Monday 26 December	→ Tuesday 27 December
Rubbish and food waste	Tuesday 27 December	→ Wednesday 28 December
Rubbish and food waste	Wednesday 28 December	→ Thursday 29 December
Rubbish and food waste	Thursday 29 December	→ Friday 30 December
Rubbish and food waste	Friday 30 December	→ Saturday 31 December
Monday 2 January - normal collection service resumes		

Don't forget to leave your bin kerbside by 6am on your collection day and make sure your bin lid is fully closed. Additional **recycling** can be left by the side of your bin but you will need to take any additional **rubbish** to the Community Recycling Centre in Charlton Lane, Shepperton.

Garden waste collections

There are no garden waste collections during the winter. Collections restart in February.



For more information contact Customer Services on **01784 451499** or send an e-mail to **customer.services@spelthorne.gov.uk**

Love food, hate waste



Food waste is a huge issue, particularly at Christmas. It is thought that one in five bags of food shopping end up being thrown away. In Surrey that adds up to a staggering 83,000 tonnes of food and drink being binned every year at a cost of around £7.6m.

Know your dates and avoid confusion:

- **use by** – this date is for safety and must be followed correctly. Don't use any food after the 'use by' date, even if it looks and smells fine. Eating it after this date could put your health at risk.
- **best before** - this is about quality not food safety. Foods with a 'best before' date should be safe to eat after this date (except for eggs), but they may no longer be at their best.
- **sell by or display until** - these are used by retailers for stock control purposes and are being replaced by either 'use by' or 'best before' dates to reduce confusion for consumers.

Using leftovers:

- keep basic ingredients in the cupboard to use with leftovers to make a new meal.
- put leftover cooked meals in the freezer to use another day.
- visit **www.lovefoodsurrey.com** for lots of leftover recipe ideas.

The Love Food Surrey campaign will be running countywide over the next few months, raising awareness and offering helpful tips and advice on how to reduce food waste.

We realise that it's impossible to avoid some food being thrown away, so we've introduced a weekly food waste collection service to help us to deal with it in a more environmentally friendly way.

For more information please visit **www.lovefoodsurrey.com** or **www.spelthorne.gov.uk/foodwaste**

