

Recycling over the Christmas period

The Council realises that Christmas is a time when we often produce more, and sometimes unusual types of waste. This is a quick guide to disposing of some common Christmas waste items.

Please recycle these in your brown lidded wheelie bin

- **Cards & envelopes** – recycle all cards and envelopes in your brown lidded bin, except those with glitter or other adornments which should go in the general waste.
- **Gift wrap** – plain wrapping paper should go in your brown lidded bin, but remove all ribbons and bows, string, sticky tape and gift tags first. Shiny metallic and laminated gift wraps aren't recyclable and should go in the general waste.
- **All your usual recycling** – please remember that items need to be rinsed and empty of food and drink residue. Greasy paper and card can't be recycled. Lids can be left on but if you are short of space over Christmas it's okay to squash the items first so that they take up less space. Don't forget that you can now also recycle plastic bags and film (not black), such as; carrier bags; bread bags; salad and vegetable bags, bubble wrap, cling film and cellophane in your brown bin.

Other ways of recycling (these things shouldn't go in the brown lidded bin)

- **Christmas tree lights and fairy lights** – should be recycled at your local Recycling and Household Waste Site (RHWS). If still in good working order some charity shops will accept electrical items. Alternatively, please put in your general waste.
- **Real trees** – These can go in your garden waste collection bin (if they fit) or collected by the Council; please contact Customer Services on 0116 288 8961 before 3rd February 2020 to arrange this. Alternatively, they can be taken to your local RHWS. Please remember that all decorations will need to be removed first!
- **Batteries** – can be taken to your local RHWS. Alternatively, you can take them to local libraries, shops and the Customer Service centre in Wigston.
- **Clothing and textiles** – need to be taken to a textile collection bank or a charity shop.

No – these items need to go in your general waste bin

- **Artificial Christmas trees** – can't be recycled. If the tree is in good condition, then you could take it to your local charity shop instead.
- **Christmas tree baubles and tinsel** – ornaments and decorations of all types are non-recyclable. If in good condition you could pass them on to someone else or take to your local charity shop.
- **Children's toys** – are non-recyclable. They can be taken to your local charity shop for someone else to enjoy if in good condition. Otherwise, place in general waste.
- **Food and drink** – visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for some great tips on managing Christmas food and drink. Food waste is best avoided, but otherwise will need to go in your general waste.
- **Nappies** – even if your general waste bin is full, nappies aren't recyclable and should never go into the brown lidded bin.

Points to remember:

- Over Christmas the Council will only be able to collect recycling from your brown-lidded wheeled bin, along with flattened cardboard left neatly to the side of the recycling bin. No additional recycling will be collected if left outside.
- Your local RHWS on Wigston Road, Oadby, will be closed on 25th, 26th and 27th December. It will also be closed on New Year's Day, January 2nd and 3rd.