



Household rubbish and recycling guide

including 2022 recycling collection calendar

Week 1



See our easy start guide page 4/5



Your recycling collection week



The weeks we collect your recycling are highlighted in green below.

Find out which day we collect your recycling by entering your postcode in the 'Where I Live' box at [cornwall.gov.uk](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk). Your rubbish is collected every week.

 Recycling week

December 2021

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

January 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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February 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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March 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

April 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

June 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

July 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

August 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

September 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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November 2022

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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Don't bin me, recycle me

Recycling is something we can all do to help fight the climate emergency. When we recycle, we save 95% of the energy that it would take to make that item or product new from raw materials.

Not sure what to recycle, visit: [cornwall.gov.uk/recyclingatoz](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recyclingatoz)

Christmas and New Year

When are my Christmas and New Year collections?

There will be no changes to collection days over Christmas and the New Year. Collections will take place as normal on the Bank holidays (Monday 27 December, Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January 2022).

Collection times may vary.

Real Christmas tree collection

If you subscribe to our garden waste service and would like your real Christmas tree collected, please put it out on your normal garden waste collection day.

If you don't have a garden waste subscription you can take your tree to the nearest Household Waste and Recycling Centre.

Alternatively put your tree out on your rubbish collection day between Monday 10 January and Friday 14 January.

We will collect real Christmas trees up to 6ft tall (please cut your tree in two if larger than 6ft), which will then be shredded and composted. Please remove from the pot and take off any decorations.

Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) openings

HWRCs will be open 9am to 4pm throughout the festive period except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Christmas cards and wrapping paper

Christmas cards, envelopes and wrapping paper are recycled in your orange cardboard bag. Please remove decorations like ribbon, foil, glitter, plastic film, tinsel and bubble wrap, as these cannot be recycled.

Batteries

Don't put batteries out for collection with your rubbish or recycling. They can start fires when crushed in rubbish lorries or at waste transfer stations.

You can take batteries (including button batteries and battery packs) to a supermarket or HWRC for recycling.

Go to **[recyclenow.com](https://www.recyclenow.com)** to find out where you can recycle batteries locally.



Your recycling collection

New to recycling?

Start by ordering your recycling bags and box and find out what day we collect from you by visiting: cornwall.gov.uk/recycling

Ready to recycle more?

You can order extra bags and boxes if you need them. All the information is on our recycling webpages.

Recycling all you can?

Recycling is great, but reducing your waste is even better. Please check out our rubbish reduction tips:

cornwall.gov.uk/reducerubbish



Common questions

Why can't I have one bin for all of my recycling?

Cornwall Council does not provide a mixed recycling collection. We separate our recycling so we can provide processors in the UK and Europe with high quality materials. We are proud that 99% of the material that we collect is sent to be turned into new products. Mixed collections usually have much more contamination and often produce lower quality material.

What happens to my rubbish?

There are no active landfill sites in Cornwall. Your rubbish goes to the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre where it generates enough electricity in a year to power 21,000 homes.



What happens to my recycling?

We check your recycling at our centres in Bodmin and Pool and then send it to processors, who make new products.

To find out what happens to your recycling visit: cornwall.gov.uk/recycling

Why can't you take black plastics for recycling?

When your plastic packaging is sent to be recycled it is sorted into different types using special laser technology. Black plastic is difficult for lasers to see and cannot be sorted for recycling so it ends up rejected. You should put it in your rubbish.

How to sort your recycling

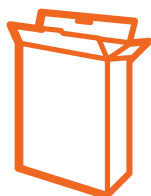
We collect your recycling using a box for glass and textiles and three separate recycling bags – one for cardboard, one for paper and one for cans and plastics.



Black recycling box for glass and bagged textiles

Glass bottles and jars.

Clothes, shoes, towels, sheets (no duvets or pillows) can go on top of your glass recycling box in a tied plastic bag you don't need back. Clothes don't have to be reusable, but they must be clean and dry.



Orange recycling bag for cardboard and brown paper

Cardboard, brown paper, coloured paper, non-shiny wrapping paper, brown envelopes and greetings cards. Please remove any staples, sticky tape or plastic.

Cardboard you can't fit in the bag needs to be flat packed, tied in a bundle and left next to your cardboard recycling bag.



Blue recycling bag for paper

Newspapers, magazines, telephone directories, catalogues, brochures, junk mail and white envelopes.

Shredded paper must be in a tied bag and put into the recycling bag.



Red recycling bag for plastic and metal packaging

Rinsed plastic bottles, lids, pots, tubs and trays including: yoghurt pots, milk, shampoo, detergent and drink bottles, cream pots, meat trays, margarine, ice cream and sweet tubs.

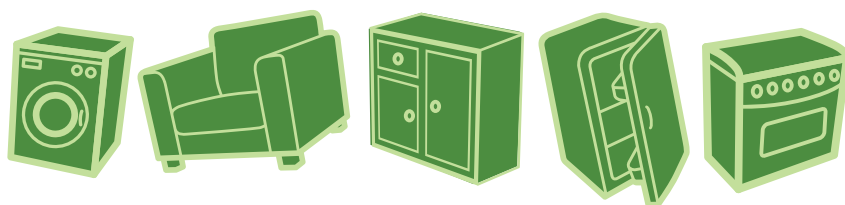
Please do not include any black plastic.

Rinsed-out food tins, drinks cans, kitchen foil, aerosols, and metal lids.

If in doubt, check our recycling A to Z online

Household bulky waste

Please don't put bulky waste out with your rubbish for kerbside collection. For larger items such as fridges, washing machines, sofas and mattresses you can pay for a bulky waste collection at: [cornwall.gov.uk/bulkywaste](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/bulkywaste). Or dispose of them for free at your nearest Household Waste and Recycling Centre. This service is only available for households and **does not** include businesses or self-catering properties and charities.



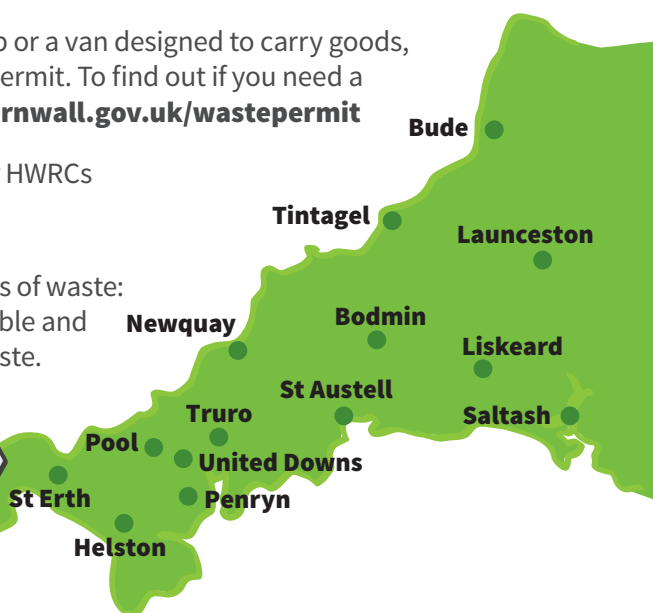
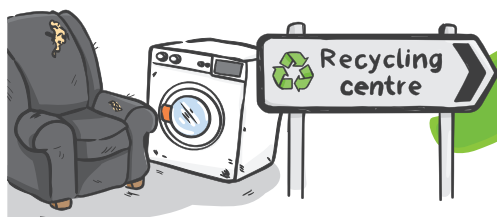
HWRCs

If you have items from your home that can't be collected by the rubbish or recycling service, you can take them to one of 14 **Household Waste and Recycling Centres** (HWRCs) across Cornwall.

If you have a large trailer, pick-up or a van designed to carry goods, you need to apply for a vehicle permit. To find out if you need a permit or how to apply, go to: [cornwall.gov.uk/wastepermit](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/wastepermit)

You can find out more about our HWRCs and what each site accepts at: [cornwall.gov.uk/hwrc](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/hwrc)

There are charges for some types of waste: asbestos, plasterboard, soil, rubble and tyres. We can't take business waste.



Garden waste collection

You should not put garden waste in with your household rubbish. More and more people in Cornwall are using our prepaid subscription garden waste service.

Subscribing to the collection service means we'll come and collect your grass cuttings, hedge trimmings and weeds every two weeks, year-round, leaving you more time to enjoy your garden.

You can buy your bin and subscribe to the service at: cornwall.gov.uk/gardenwaste

If you are a current subscriber, look out for your renewal information from February 2022.



Home composting

Composting is a cheap, natural process which transforms your kitchen and garden waste into a valuable and nutrient-rich food for your garden. It's easy to make and use.

Do your bit for the environment by composting at home and reducing the amount of waste thrown away.

To find out more and to purchase your compost bin visit: getcomposting.com



Food waste collections

We will be starting weekly food waste collections across Cornwall in stages from 2023. For updates follow us on Facebook @facebook/CornwallRecycles

We could all be recycling more right now – there's no need to wait for new services. Currently, around 33% of the contents of the average black bin bag in Cornwall is food waste and 22% is materials that we could collect for recycling. If we all recycled everything we can, shopped smarter, used up our leftovers and home composted, we could make a big difference: lovefoodhatewaste.com

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hate waste**

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Go online – save yourself time

Did you know you can pay, book, report and apply for some Cornwall Council services online including garden and bulky waste collections? Going online is easy and convenient, saves you time and helps us provide a more efficient service.



cornwall.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling