

Please ensure bins are presented prior to 6am

cut out and keep

Christmas collections 24/25

Check out the 2024/2025 calendar below for the revised recycling and refuse collection dates over the Christmas period. Please note, this no longer shows what type of collection, due to the borough being on different waste collections on the same week. You can check your Christmas collections and type of collection, closer to the time by using the collection look up tool on our website at www.ashford.gov.uk/bin-collection-calendar

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 23 December	Monday 23 December
Tuesday 24 December	Tuesday 24 December
Wednesday 25 December	Friday 27 December
Thursday 26 December	Saturday 28 December
Friday 27 December	Monday 30 December
Monday 30 December	Tuesday 31 December
Tuesday 31 December	Thursday 2 January
Wednesday 1 January	Friday 3 January
Thursday 2 January	Saturday 4 January
Friday 3 January	Monday 6 January
Monday 6 January	Tuesday 7 January
Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 8 January
Wednesday 8 January	Thursday 9 January
Thursday 9 January	Friday 10 January
Friday 10 January	Saturday 11 January

Normal recycling and refuse service resumes Monday 13 January

Garden waste collections

Garden waste collections will be suspended for the week commencing Monday 30 December and the week commencing Monday 6 January. Collections will resume on your normal day of collection from Monday 13 January.


Residents who would be due a collection on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Friday 27 December can find their revised collection day below.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Wednesday 25 December	Friday 27 December
Thursday 26 December	Saturday 28 December
Friday 27 December	Monday 30 December

Missed bin collections can continue to be reported via the usual Report It channel: www.ashford.gov.uk/report-a-missed-bin

You can also follow the council on [Facebook \(@AshfordBoroughCouncil\)](https://www.facebook.com/AshfordBoroughCouncil) and [Twitter \(@AshfordCouncil\)](https://www.twitter.com/AshfordCouncil) for regular information updates over the Christmas period.

Green bin



- Christmas cards
- Tin foil & foil serving trays
- Champagne, wine & beer bottles
- Non-foil wrapping paper
- Cardboard boxes
- Sweet/chocolate tins
- Mince pie foil cases

Grey bin



- Tinsel
- Broken decorations
- Bubblewrap & soft plastic packaging like cellophane
- Foil/shiny wrapping paper
- Champagne & wine corks
- Polystyrene

Tips for recycling more

Christmas means more cardboard boxes, any that can't fit in your recycling bin please flatten and leave next to your recycling bin for collection

Please remove ribbon and bows from your paper – maybe keep them for next year.

Unsure if your wrapping paper is recyclable? Only non-foil paper is accepted for recycling. To check, scrunch up the paper in your hands, if it doesn't spring back open then it is non-foil and can be recycled.

If you are unsure what can and can't be recycled in your green bin head to our website at www.ashford.gov.uk/how-do-i-dispose-of to check.

Give your food caddy a stuffing!




It is best to use what you buy but for the food waste you can't avoid use your food caddy. Your leftovers, turkey carcass, vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, tea bags and lots more can be put in your food caddy to be recycled! Need a food caddy? Order your free one on our website at www.ashford.gov.uk/request-a-bin

Large Item Collections

Large item collections will be suspended from Wednesday 25 December and will resume normal service on Wednesday 8 January.

Clinical collections

There will be no changes to clinical collections over the Christmas period.



Christmas Tree Recycling

For the 13th year we are supporting Pilgrims Hospices special fundraising campaign which offers real Christmas tree collections from homes across the Ashford borough.

Simply make a donation of your choice when registering your real Christmas tree and Pilgrims volunteer elves will collect the tree from your doorstep and take it for recycling.

Last year more than 3,250 were collected from Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet areas and over £60,000 raised for vital end-of-life care.

Register your real Christmas tree for collection by midnight Sunday 5 January by visiting www.pilgrimshospices.org/treerecycling and their volunteers will take it away Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 January 2025.