

## PR XMAS RECYCLING

The festive season is almost upon us and Stroud District Council has made plans to make sure waste and recycling collections are made during the holiday period.

Householders whose collections would usually fall on Tuesday December 25, Wednesday December 26 and Tuesday January 1 will have their refuse collected on a different day.

And they are being asked to remember to minimise the amount of waste created and recycle as much Christmas waste as possible – glass, cans, plastic bottles and containers and cardboard packaging can all be recycled.

The key dates to remember are that if your collection would be on:

**Tuesday December 25, it will be collected *earlier* on Monday December 24.**

**Wednesday December 26, it will be collected on Saturday December 29.**

**Tuesday January 1, it will be collected on Saturday January 5.**

Environment Committee Chair, Councillor Simon Pickering said: “It is now the season of goodwill and a time for joy and giving but please give a thought for the recycling crews and the environment - plastic is not just for Christmas. It can stay in the environment for hundreds of years.

“Try to minimise the waste created and and recycle as much as you can, perhaps even give some presents that can be reused.”

Glass, cans, plastic bottles and plastic containers can go in recycling wheelie bins or bags and cardboard packaging can go in recycling boxes. *It's important that these items do not go in to food caddies.*

Cardboard must be flattened and folded to the approximate size of the recycling box so it fits in the back of the lorries – but polystyrene can't be recycled.

We are currently unable to recycle wrapping paper, so please place that in your household waste and not in your recycling box.

It's also important to only buy just enough food so you don't overfill your waste food bin – and save money too.

And if bad weather strikes and snow or ice holds up collections, residents should leave their waste and recycling out for two days including Saturdays but not Sundays. If crews are unable to collect it within this period, it should be taken back in until the next scheduled collection. The safety of crews and the public is paramount and in ice and snow conditions, will not be compromised.

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