

Changes to your bin collections over the holidays

Your waste and recycling collections change over the holiday period. Please read the information below carefully for important updates.

Note: there will be **no green bin collections over these two weeks.**



Christmas Week 1 - Refuse and food waste	
Normal collection	Revised collection
Monday 22 December	No change
Tuesday 23 December	Monday 22 or Tuesday 23 December*
Wednesday 24 December	Tuesday 23 or Wednesday 24 December*
Thursday 25 December	Wednesday 24 December
Friday 26 December	Saturday 27 December

*Please put your bin out on the first of these two days and leave it out until it has been collected. Your bin will be collected on your usual day or the day before.

New Year Week 2 - Recycling and food waste	
Normal collection	Revised collection
Monday 29 December	No change
Tuesday 30 December	No change
Wednesday 31 December	No change
Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January

Normal collections resume on Monday 5 January 2026.



IMPORTANT!

This year, your bin may need to be put out one day earlier than usual. Please read the changes to collection days carefully.

If two days are listed next to your usual collection day, put your bin out on the first of those two days and leave it out until it has been collected.

Example:

If your usual collection day is Wednesday, and the schedule shows Tuesday/Wednesday, you should put your bin out on Tuesday and leave it out for both days.

Check out your ongoing collection schedule on the next page.

Collection calendar 2026

NARROW

January 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2				1	2	3	4
W1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
W2	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
W1	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
W2	26	27	28	29	30	31	

March 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2							1
W1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
W1	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
W2	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
W1	30	31					

May 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W1					1	2	3
W2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
W2	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
W1	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Week 1 (W1)

Silver bin: food waste.

Black bin: non-recyclable.



Bank holidays 1

All collections in a week following a bank holiday will take place a day later than usual unless you are notified otherwise. For example, a Monday collection will take place on a Tuesday. A bin hanger will be provided in December for Christmas collections.

To check which item you can recycle in the brown bin please visit our recycling webpage: www.hertsmere.gov.uk/brownbins

February 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2							1
W1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
W1	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
W2	23	24	25	26	27	28	

April 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W1			1	2	3	4	5
W2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
W1	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
W2	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
W1	27	28	29	30			

June 2026

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
W1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
W2	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
W1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
W2	29	30					

Week 2 (W2)

Silver bin: food waste.

Brown bin: mixed recycling.

Green bin: garden waste (if subscribed).



Garden waste - Tuesday Week 2

Green bin collections for garden waste will take place on a **Tuesday in Week 2**. Your green bin will only be collected if you have subscribed to the Garden Waste Collection Service and display a valid sticker. To sign up visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/GardenWaste