

Festive bin collections

The following special arrangements for refuse collections over the festive fortnight **may be subject to change***, pending the resolution of the current action being undertaken by West Lothian Council refuse collectors. Bin collections may be later than normal, so please leave your bin out until it is emptied. Please do not contaminate recycling bins and ensure all waste is contained within the bin and ensure the bin lid is fully closed or it will not be emptied.

Due to public holidays over the festive fortnight some streets will see temporary changes to their bin collection day during the Christmas and New Year period.

Blue and Grey Bin Collections

Collections will take place as normal for those properties on a **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** collection.

Changes will **ONLY** be necessary to Friday and Saturday collections of wheeled bins in both the Christmas and the New Year week.

This will result in collections for both weeks being temporarily changed as follows:

If your bin is due to be collected on:	It will be collected on*
Friday 25 December	Sunday 27 December
Saturday 26 December	Sunday 27 December
Friday 1 January	Sunday 3 January
Saturday 2 January	Sunday 3 January

All collections **will revert back to their normal uplift day*** from Monday 4 January 2010.

Please remember to put out the correct bin for collection by 7am on the dates specified in the calendar already provided.

Brown Bins & Real Christmas Trees

A special collection will occur throughout January 2010 therefore brown bins will be collected for recycling from Monday 4 January 2010 (refer to your calendar for day of uplift). Real Christmas trees (not plastic ones) will be uplifted on the same day as we collect your brown (garden waste) bin and turned into reusable compost. Please remove decorations first, then cut up your tree and place it in your brown bin. However, in the event of a possible disruption to Service, this special collection **may be subject to change**.

A new **brown bin ONLY** calendar will be delivered to each household that has a brown bin, in time for the regular brown bin collections starting again in March 2010.

A separate calendar has been necessary to allow more efficient routes to be developed by Waste Services.

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Community Recycling Centres

Excess household waste or recyclables should be taken to any of our six Community Recycling Centres; Broxburn, Blackburn, Linlithgow, Whitburn and Deans or Oakbank (off A71) in Livingston. The recycling centres are open as normal, with the exception of the following dates:

Date	Hours of opening*
Friday 25 December	CLOSED
Saturday 26 December	9am till 6pm
Friday 1 January	CLOSED
Saturday 2 January	9am till 6pm

Bulky Uplifts

Please be aware that from Sunday 20 December to Sunday 10 January, Waste Services will not be uplifting any bulky waste or fridges and freezers, in order to focus upon core refuse and recycling collections. We are still able to carry out uplifts up to and including Saturday 19 December. Our bulky uplift service will resume on Monday 11 January 2010*.

For more information on arrangements over the festive period and updates on any changes to the above, please visit our website at www.westlothian.gov.uk or contact us on 01506 775000.