

Waste and recycling

2026/27

Before you bin it: could you reuse, refill or repair it? If throwing an item away is the only option, please check it before you chuck it!

Did you know? Almost a fifth of what's put in recycling bins shouldn't be there.

These are the most common items that cause confusion - and where they should go instead:

- **Food waste** - always in your food waste bin.
- **Sanitary products, tissues and nappies** - black non-recyclable waste bin.
- **Old clothes** - a tied carrier bag next to your green recycling bin.

Not sure how to dispose of an item?
Please check it before you chuck it at
Recycling – helping you to get it right



And NEVER put batteries, vapes or electrical items in any bin - they're a major fire risk!

Batteries go in a clear bag on top of your green bin.

Small electricals and vapes should go in a tied carrier bag next to your black bin.

Rinse it, dry it, recycle it

To help keep recycling free from mess, please try to make sure your items are clean and dry before you pop them in the bin.

Thank you!



Holiday collection changes

EASTER

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Friday 3 April	Saturday 4 April
Monday 6 April	Tuesday 7 April
Tuesday 7 April	Wednesday 8 April
Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April
Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
Friday 10 April	Saturday 11 April

EARLY MAY

Monday 4 May	Tuesday 5 May
Tuesday 5 May	Wednesday 6 May
Wednesday 6 May	Thursday 7 May
Thursday 7 May	Friday 8 May
Friday 8 May	Saturday 9 May

LATE MAY

Monday 25 May	Tuesday 26 May
Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 27 May
Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May
Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
Friday 29 May	Saturday 30 May

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 31 August	Tuesday 1 September
Tuesday 1 September	Wednesday 2 September
Wednesday 2 September	Thursday 3 September
Thursday 3 September	Friday 4 September
Friday 4 September	Saturday 5 September



Normal Collection Day Revised Collection Day

Friday 25 December	Tuesday 29 December*
Monday 28 December	Wednesday 30 December*
Tuesday 29 December	Thursday 31 December*
Wednesday 30 December	Saturday 2 January*
Thursday 31 December	Monday 4 January*
Friday 1 January	Tuesday 5 January*

Monday 4 January	Wednesday 6 January*
Tuesday 5 January	Thursdays 7 January*
Wednesday 6 January	Friday 8 January*
Thursday 7 January	Saturday 9 January*
Friday 8 January	Monday 11 January

Monday 11 January	Tuesday 12 January
Tuesday 12 January	Wednesday 13 January
Wednesday 13 January	Thursday 14 January
Thursday 14 January	Friday 15 January
Friday 15 January	Saturday 16 January

Garden Waste collection pause

*Garden waste collections paused from 25 December to 10 January. The service restarts on 11 January.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Could you reuse it, repair it, sell it or donate it?

Every year, tonnes of items, big and small, go to waste unnecessarily! To find out how you could save money and help others, visit our [reduce and reuse page](#)



Get your full waste calendar

To download a copy of your calendar or add it to your smartphone calendar, visit [our waste calendar page](#). No internet access? Call Biffa on **01235 422123** to request a printed copy.



Stay in the know

Follow our [Binfluencers WhatsApp Channel](#) instant notifications about collection changes during adverse weather, plus other service updates.

Scan the QR code or visit [our Binfluencers page](#).

Remember to buy your new garden waste permit



If you're a brown bin permit holder, you must buy a new permit if you wish to continue to receive garden waste collections after 31 March 2026. Buy your new permit by this date to make sure you benefit from the full year's worth of scheduled garden waste collections for the next 12 months.

Visit our [garden waste permit page](#) or call **01235 422422**.

Missed collections

All bins should be presented for collection by 6am with the lid fully closed. To report a missed collection, visit [our missed bins page](#) or call **01235 422123**. Reports must be made by 5 pm on the next working day after your scheduled collection.

Are your bins overflowing?

Our crews can only empty your wheelie bins if the lids are fully closed, plastic to plastic. If you have:

-  **extra recycling** - put it in a clear sack or cardboard box and leave it next to your green bin.
-  **extra rubbish or garden waste** - wait for the next collection or take it to your local household waste and recycling centre.



Assistance with collections

If you experience ongoing difficulties presenting your waste for collection, please email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk or call **01235 422123** so we can make arrangements to assist you.

For information about waste and recycling services:

- visit [our waste and recycling section](#),
- email admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk, or
- call **01235 422123**

Do you need this information in another format?

email waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk
or call **01235 422123**.