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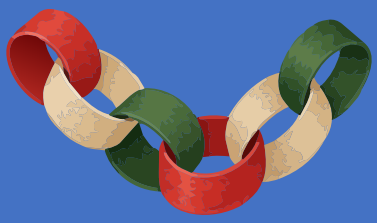
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Recycling News December 2026



Welcome to the December 2026 issue of Recycling News

Inside, you'll find a roundup of November's recycling and waste prevention activities, helpful tips to reduce, reuse and recycle more, information about forthcoming events, and important updates on your household waste and recycling collections.

Changes To Your Waste Service Over The Festive Period



Residents are being urged to check their dates, so they don't miss a rubbish or recycling collection over Christmas and the New Year, as changes are made to collection schedules.

Due to a system update, the amended collection dates for the former Harrogate BC localities will be available online from w/c 7 December.

For all other areas, the amended collection dates will be showing online from w/c

17 November at Check your bin or recycling collection day | North Yorkshire Council

We are also reminding people to think before they throw and recycle their additional waste over the festive period. Wherever you live in North Yorkshire you can recycle all these materials through your kerbside collection scheme at home: -

- paper and cardboard (including Christmas cards with no glitter or ribbon, wrapping paper and cardboard packaging)
- glass bottles and jars
- plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays and tubes (including trigger sprays)
- food and drink cartons such as Tetra Pak
- metal food and drink cans, aerosols, and clear foil

Remember to wash and squash your plastic and cans and flatten any large cardboard boxes so they take up less space in the bin.

Household Waste Recycling Centres Winter & Festive Opening Hours



All of our household waste recycling centres have changed to their winter opening hours of 8:30am to 4pm.

They're open every day except Wednesdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Find out more about any changes to opening times over the festive period visit: Household waste recycling centres | North Yorkshire Council

Please don't forget to register if you haven't registered already. Visit our household waste recycling centre registration page to find out more and register online. Register to use household waste recycling centres | North Yorkshire Council

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North Yorkshire Good News Stories

Reuse Santa Toy appeal

The appeal is underway and doing really well, thanks to all the donations received. However, you can still donate and volunteer. Please donate clean, complete and working toys, games, books and puzzles at household waste recycling centres across North Yorkshire and York until 29 November.



Reuse Santa volunteers

Could you or your team spare a few hours to help prepare donated toys for local children this Christmas? It's a great volunteering opportunity, whether you can offer a full day or a few hours around your Christmas team lunch. Reuse Santa volunteers will be based at the Yorwaste head office in Northallerton, helping to clean donated toys and check that they are complete working and suitable to be gifted through local charity and community partners. Full volunteering days are available on 19, 25, 27 and 30 November, and 4 December.

Other dates are also available, to volunteer, email marketing@yorwaste.co.uk to arrange a suitable date and time.

Visit Yorwaste designated website :Reuse Santa - Donate, Repair and Rehome Gifts | Yorwaste's

North Yorkshire Residents: Keep Your Home Safe This Festive Season



New research from the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, has revealed that an incredible £1.7b was spent on 183m FastTech (cheap) Christmas lights (and the batteries for them!) ahead of Christmas. But whilst these lights brighten the winter months during the solstice, there's a challenging side too. The reality is, that as quickly as we buy our festive lights, we are almost as quickly binning them. Over a year, 168m light-up items and FastTech gifts ended up in the bin, causing hundreds of battery fires across the UK.

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Battery fires are still a serious issue. There was a recent bin lorry fire in Harrogate, and six others in the past year ,which were caused by batteries. Please never put batteries in your household rubbish or recycling bin. Instead, recycle them at local shops, supermarkets, or your household waste recycling centre. When batteries are damaged, crushed, or punctured during waste collection and processing, they can ignite and

cause fires in collection vehicles, recycling facilities, or waste transfer sites, putting workers at risk. Recycle unwanted cables, wires and electrical items at your nearest household waste recycling centre. Find your nearest centre via Recycle Your Electricals: Find your local household waste recycling centre | North Yorkshire Council



Photo of Councillor Foster at a North Yorkshire Household Waste Recycling Centre Recycling Batteries

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Christmas Waste Facts



Christmas Waste Hierarchy Tree

Sleigh Waste This Christmas, is inspired by the waste hierarchy, a simple but powerful approach that puts preventing waste first, followed by reusing, recycling and recovering materials before disposal is considered.



Links: *Christmas trees | North Yorkshire Council* and *https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com*

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/check-your-bin-or-recycling-collection-day

What goes in your bin? | North Yorkshire Council

Allerton Waste Recovery Park Open Day



Select tickets – AWRP Christmas Open Day Tour 1 – Allerton Waste Recovery Park

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North Yorkshire Waste Prevention and Recycling Officer Events In December

Community and school workshops — Recycling and Waste Prevention Officer will be giving talks and workshops to community groups and schools throughout December. Monday 21st December Open Day at Allerton Waste Recovery come along and chat to us about your any recycling or waste related queries.

Free waste prevention and recycling sessions

We offer talks, activities and workshops on waste reduction, reuse and recycling in schools and communities across North Yorkshire.

To request a booking or to find out more, please email the waste campaign team: waste.campaigns@northyorks.gov.uk or visit Free waste prevention and recycling sessions | North Yorkshire Council

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North Yorkshire Rotters Events



We're out and about this month promoting the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign and home composting at a variety of schools, talks, and events.



Community Events

Residents can come along to meet us at the events below:

- Sunday 6th December Skipton Christmas Market - North Yorkshire Rotters stall with Nigel Brown's love food hate waste cookery demonstrations Event High Street, Skipton, BD23 1JP 10.00am to 4.00pm
- Monday 21st December Christmas Open Day at Allerton Waste Recovery Park with Nigel Brown's love food hate waste cookery demonstrations Event Allerton Waste Recovery Park, Moor Lane (Off A168), Allerton Mauleverer with Hopperton, Knaresborough, HG5 0SD 10.00am to 3.00pm

North Yorkshire Rotters information

- Schools and community groups can book workshops and events.
- To book, contact the team using the following link ***Home > North Yorkshire Rotters***

Additional Information & Contact Details



Confused about recycling rules, collection services or reducing waste? Submit your questions and our waste team will answer them in this column in future editions to help everyone recycle better.

Questions can be sent to: *waste.campaigns@northyorkshire.gov.uk*

Repair cafés and local recycling groups

Look out for local repair cafés and recycling groups in your area, visit this useful link: Visit a Repair Café Near You. Additional useful links are available on the relevant pages of the North Yorkshire recycling website: Ways to reduce and reuse | North Yorkshire Council

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