

Thanks for ensuring only the items below go in each bin...

| RECYCLING<br>GREY BIN  | GARDEN WASTE<br>GREEN BIN   | LANDFILL WASTE<br>BLACK BIN   |
|--|---|---|
|   |    |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cardboard</li> <li>plastic bottles</li> <li>paper (not shredded)</li> <li>food &amp; drink cans</li> <li>glass bottles &amp; jars</li> <li>aerosols</li> <li>foil*</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hedge clippings</li> <li>grass cuttings</li> <li>weeds</li> <li>leaves</li> <li>small branches</li> <li>windfall fruit</li> <li>cut flowers</li> </ul> | <p><b>non-recyclable items only</b><br/>(e.g. general rubbish and food waste)</p> |

\* Foil containers and sheets which are clean can be put in your grey bin for recycling. This does NOT include crisp packets.

Please flatten your recyclable items where possible to make more room in your bin and at bring banks, e.g. plastic bottles, drink cans, and cardboard boxes.

## Composting

You can compost much of your kitchen and garden waste, for example fruit and vegetable peelings, teabags, grass cuttings and leaves.

**Reduced rate composters for your home** are available to all Rutland residents at a special discounted price of **£5 for a 220 litre, and £10 for a 330 litre composter** (limited availability).

To order please call **0845 130 6090**  
or visit our website **www.rutland.getcomposting.com**

## Waste MINIMISATION tips!

There are many ways that you can reduce the amount of waste in your bin. Here are some suggestions...

- **Re-use** items where possible, such as glass jars and plastic bottles. Carrier bags can be used for your next shopping trip, or as bin bags.
- Opt for low-energy long-life lightbulbs which will **save waste, electricity and money.**
- **Avoid disposable items** such as single-use batteries, razors and nappies. For more info on 'real nappies' call the **Real Nappy Helpline** on **0845 850 0606** or **www.realnappycampaign.com**
- **Avoid** buying products with **excessive packaging.**
- Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive by registering with the **Mail Preference Service (MPS)** who can remove your name from up to 95% of direct mail lists. Tel: **0845 703 4599**  
Email: **mps@dma.org.uk**
- Join your local **Freecycle** group. Freecycle is a not for profit organisation linking people from the same area with unwanted goods to those that want them, keeping usable items out of landfill. It's completely free and easy to use. Visit **www.uk.freecycle.org** to search for more information, find your local Rutland group and sign up on-line.
- **Donate unwanted items to charity shops:** clothes, toys, books, and games. Some can recycle old mobile phones and ink cartridges.
- **Donate unwanted furniture** to the **Melton & District Furniture Project.** Suitable items are collected free of charge from within Rutland to be re-used. Tel: **01664 410380**  
**www.meltonfurnitureproject.co.uk**
- **Spread the word** about waste minimisation and recycling to friends and family!



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# Your Kerbside Recycling and Refuse Collection Service

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**RECYCLING**



**GARDEN WASTE**



**LANDFILL WASTE**

See inside for information and achievements, including your scheduled Christmas collection dates!



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## WELL DONE!

Since the introduction of our kerbside recycling scheme together we have achieved **a recycling and composting rate of 54% – nearly double the rate of the previous year!**

This great improvement means that the amount of **waste we send to landfill has been reduced by around 33%**. This is a fantastic achievement, **thank you** for all your hard work and let's keep it up!

## The FUTURE....

We are continuing to work with our recycling contractors to expand the range of materials we can recycle, and we will keep you updated.

## Polite REMINDER

Please remember to **keep your bin on your property** at all times. Bins must **not** be stored on the pavement, and should be returned to the rear of your property as soon as possible after collection. Please take care not to obstruct the pavements.



## Extra GREEN BINS


If you regularly fill more than one green bin every two weeks then it is possible to have up to an additional two bins, at the price of £35.25 per bin (incl. VAT). This will provide additional capacity for your garden waste with no further ongoing costs: the fee paid is a one-off charge and the bin(s) remain the property of the Council and its contractor.





## Food for thought...


**In the UK we throw away a 3rd of the food we buy. Most of this ends up in landfill and is a major contributor to climate change.**

**Every year in Rutland we...**


 Spend over £6.5 million on wasted food, which equals £420 per household.

 Produce 11,750 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from food waste – the same as someone driving a car around the entire border of Rutland 450,000 times!

 Throw away over 1.5 million slices of bread (or 75,000 loaves). If each slice was laid end to end we could 'eat our way' around the shoreline of Rutland Water nearly 5 times!

 Throw away enough apples for every Rutland 10-14 year old every day to 'keep the doctor away with an apple a day'!

**Every day in Rutland ...**

 The 15,000 households each throw away nearly 0.5 kg of food waste, whilst every day 15,000 children worldwide die from hunger related causes.

**Here are a few tips to help minimise your food waste:**

- Before you go shopping check what's already in your cupboards, fridge and freezer.
- Make a shopping list of what you really need, and/or use a menu planner.
- Don't throw away your leftovers! Think about whether they can be used with other ingredients to make another meal.
- Check the use by and best before dates to see which items need eating first.
- Put items in the fridge to keep them fresh for longer, and where possible use your freezer to store food until it is needed.
- Use air-tight containers, resealable bags or clips to keep food in opened packets fresh for longer.
- Try not to make too much by measuring your portions before you cook them, e.g. rice and pasta.



For more information and advice, including recipes visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

## CHRISTMAS Collections 2008



If your collection is on a **MONDAY, TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY** there will be **NO CHANGE** to your schedule (collected as normal, as indicated in **GREEN** areas below):

If your collection is on a **THURSDAY, FRIDAY or SATURDAY** your collection day will be as normal **except** for the following arrangements (new date shown in **bold** in **RED** areas below):

| Collection Day                   | Schedule      | Changing to:                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec      | As normal     |   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec     | As normal     |   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | As normal     |   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | Christmas Day | <b>Collected Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b> |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | Boxing Day    | <b>Collected Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec    |               | <b>Collected Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec      | As normal     |   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | As normal     |   |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | As normal     |   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January | New Years Day | <b>Collected Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | As normal     |   |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January | As normal     |   |

You will be provided with **two side waste bags for additional landfill waste only. We will only collect the two bags that have been provided to you by the contractor.** Please remember all bin lids must be closed.

The **Civic Amenity sites will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.** Please use these sites, and your local bring banks for any additional recycling and household waste over the Christmas period. Don't forget to take any of your unwanted electrical goods to the Civic Amenity site to be recycled.