

Give our Climate a Present as you clear up

Giving and receiving gifts is a key part of Christmas, but it can consume a lot of resources and generate huge amounts of rubbish. Here are a few tips on how to leave a lighter footprint on the environment.

Reuse

How could you reuse the wrapping paper next year? How about turning some of your Christmas cards into gift tags for next year's presents.

If you have received duplicate presents, or something you don't think you will use consider re-gifting it. Maybe to a friend or member of the family but why not give it to a local charity shop for a good cause?

Recycle

Plenty of material including food waste, paper and cardboard and small electrical items can be recycled in your usual kerbside collection – just remember:

- Try and spread it out over several weeks – most councils won't empty your bins if they are too full.
- Check with your local council to be sure when your next collection is due.
- Christmas cards covered in glitter and foil or plastic wrapping paper are **not** accepted for recycling. (Some charities collect Christmas cards to re-use and can you re-use the paper?)

Real Christmas Trees

There are two ways to recycle **your real Christmas tree in Gloucester** this year.

- a) Leave it at **Robinswood Hill** or the **Eastern Avenue Depot** to be chipped and composted.
- b) Support Longfield Community Hospice by booking a slot between the 11th and 14th January for them to collect your tree and make a donation to the charity to support their work.

There are several 'terms and conditions':

- Make sure all the decorations are removed.
- Take them to the specific collection locations in the collection window - look on the [Gloucester City Council website for full details](#).
- Make sure you live in GL2 (2,3,4,5) GL3 (4) GL4 (0,3,4,5), book a slot **and** make a donation to Longfield Community hospice [check their website to see what to do](#).



Tub 2 Pub



We all eat plenty of chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and lots of it is in these plastic tubs every year! Greene King's 'Tub2Pub' is a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, at the same time.

Last year they collected over 150,000 tubs and raised £12,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. **Between January 1st and February 16th 2025** their pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty: confectionery tubs; biscuit tubs and cracker tubs.

Simply leave your tubs with a staff member at the bar or welcome station if there is one. All tubs will be reprocessed, shredded and sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics, and the money raised will be given to Macmillan Cancer Support. [Visit the website to find local drop-off points](#).

Reduce

One final thought – how might you celebrate a more sustainable Christmas in 2025? With a little thought and a bit of time and effort can you reduce, reuse and recycle?