**Managing our Waste – Festive Messaging**

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| **PREVENTATIVE** |  |
| **Recycling / HWRC**  If you are having a festive clear out, plan ahead and sort your materials before visiting your local recycling centre.  Check your local authority website for up-to-date information on any festive disruptions and for information on what to expect when you visit your local recycling centre.  For guidance on how to plan ahead, visit <https://wasteless.zerowastescotland.org.uk/articles/recycling-centres> #ManagingOurWaste |  |
| **Food Waste**  Nearly 50,000 tonnes of food and drink is expected to be binned in Scotland during the month of December alone. That equates to around 760 million mince pies or 11.7 million turkeys.  For tips on how to reduce your food waste this Christmas visit <https://wasteless.zerowastescotland.org.uk/articles/christmas-recycling>, and remember to put your unavoidable food waste in your food caddy. #ManagingOurWaste |  |
| **Public Health**  If you or anyone in your house is showing symptoms of coronavirus, or has tested positive, it is important that any items they have come into contact with, like tissues, bottles or cloths, are double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before being put out in your general (black bag) waste bin.  For guidance on how to manage your waste visit <https://wasteless.zerowastescotland.org.uk/articles/coronavirus-health-and-safety> #ManagingOurWaste |  |
| **DURING DISRUPTION** |  |
| **Service Disruption**  To keep up to date with any temporary disruption to your waste and recycling collections over the festive period, and for guidance on how to manage your waste, visit <https://wasteless.zerowastescotland.org.uk/topics/coronavirus>  #ManagingOurWaste |  |
| **Managing Waste**  If you are experiencing temporary disruption to your waste and recycling services, here are some top tips to help maximise recycling at home –   * Break up cardboard boxes and flatten card before placing them in your recycling bin * Rinse and squash plastics, tins and cans to maximise space in your recycling bins * Rinse glass bottles and jars to remove residue * Compact materials in your recycling bins to maximise space, but not too much so they can still be emptied   Find out more [www.managingourwaste.scot](http://www.managingourwaste.scot)  #ManagingOurWaste |  |
| **Flytipping**  Flytipping is a crime, regardless of the circumstances, including leaving unwanted items next to a bin or recycling point.  It is also harmful to the environment.  You can report  #flytipping at <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/DumbDumpers>  #ManagingOurWaste |  |