Unfortunately, due to staff shortages and the availability of casual staff (Covid-19 related), we will not be able to provide a dedicated Christmas tree kerbside collection service, as advertised. Your tree will still be collected as scheduled but it will be co-collected with your black bags and taken to our energy from waste facility, and used for energy recovery rather than being composted.

There are obviously more benefits to recycling your Christmas tree, so in the short time we have available we have quickly put together a list of collection points around the Vale where we will have a staff member and a vehicle available, to provide a tree recycling service. So you are aware, a normal dedicated kerbside collection service requires a minimum 15 members of staff and 5 vehicles.

The trees that are collected from these collection points will be taken to our composting site where it will be shredded and recycled and eventually turned into a reusable compost. As there are more environmental benefits composting a tree, we will be encouraging residents through social media, our website and by direct email (to our weekly collection day reminder subscribers (30k)) this week, advising of the service change and to take their tree, wherever possible, to one of our recycling points around the Vale.

I recognise that the list of areas may not capture every village or area but with reduced staff numbers and the short time available, we have tried to capture as much as practically possible. I also understand that there will be some practical difficulties getting trees to collection points and that this may not suit all residents, and they will end up putting them out on black bag day instead.

I respectfully ask Community Councils if they could assist us communicate this locally and if you do have any concerns about the collection points please let me know and we will try to assist wherever possible.

I have appended a link to the Councils website that has been updated today and social media messages will start to go live tonight. Additionally, I have included the list of collection points below for convenience.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Recycling-and-Waste/Recycling-and-Waste.aspx>

Christmas Tree Recycling

If you would like to recycle a real Christmas tree we are operating a number of drop off points across the Vale of Glamorgan between Monday 17 January to Friday 28 January 2022.

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| Recycling collection dates |
| **Date** | **Collection Points** | **Opening hours** |
| Monday 17 January | Bryn-y-don car park, **Dinas Powys**Penarth Leisure Centre car park, **Penarth** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Tuesday 18 January | Llantwit Major Train Station car park, **Llantwit Major**Car park at the rear of Price Down Stores, Skomer Road, **Barry** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 19 January | Cemetery Approach, **Barry**Nell's Point car park, Barry Island, **Barry** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Thursday 20 January | Rhoose Community Centre car park, Celtic Way, **Rhoose**Cliff Tops car park, **Penarth** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Friday 21 January | Collections from rural Vale community centres: **Peterston-Super-Ely, Pendoylan, Welsh St Donats, Aberthin, Ystradowen, Trerhyngyll** Town Hall car park, **Cowbridge** | Please place your tree outside your local community centre before 8.00am 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Saturday 22 January | Cosmeston Lakes car park, **Cosmeston**Ogmore Beach car park, **Ogmore-by-Sea** Cemetery Approach, **Barry**St Athan Community Centre car park , **St Athan** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Monday 24 January | Bryn-y-don car park, **Dinas Powys**Leisure Centre car park, **Cogan** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Tuesday 25 January | Vachell Court car park, **Llantwit Major**Cemetery Approach, **Barry** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 26 January | Wick Community Centre car park, **Wick**Albury Arms car park, **Bonvilston** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Thursday 27 January | Rhoose Train Station car park, **Rhoose**Cliff Tops Car Park, Penarth | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Friday 28 January | Wenvoe Community Centre car park, **Wenvoe**The Knap car park, **Barry** | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| Saturday 29 January | Collections from rural Vale community centres: **Treoes, Colwninston Craig, Penllyn, St Mary Church, Llangan and Llysworney** | Please place your tree outside your local community centre before 8.00am |

You can also take a real Christmas tree to either of our Household Waste Recycling Centres in Barry and Llandow for recycling without an appointment.