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There will be some changes to council services over the Christmas period.

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Bin collections and recycling

Normal collection day	Changed to
Monday 23 December	Saturday 21 December
Tuesday 24 December	Monday 23 December
Wednesday 25 December	Tuesday 24 December
Thursday 26 December	Friday 27 December
Friday 27 December	Saturday 28 December
Monday 30 December	Usual collection
Tuesday 31 December	Usual collection
Wednesday 1 January	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January

Collections will return to normal on Monday 6 January

[Details of your regular bin collection](#) can be found by using the search facility on our bin collection page

Bispham tip

Bristol Avenue Household Waste Recycling Centre is open

Dates	Times
Tuesday 24 December	10.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 25 to Thursday 26 December	Closed
Friday 27 to Monday 30 December	10.00am to 3.45pm
Tuesday 31 December	10.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 January	Closed
Friday 3 January	10.00am to 3.45pm

Rover - Mobile recycling unit

The Rover mobile recycling unit will not operate over the Christmas period. The last collection will be Friday 20 December and collections will start from Thursday 2 January.

Bulky Matters

If you've treated yourself to a new bit of furniture or a brand new TV over the festive period and are worried about being left with the old one, Bulky Matters can help.

Bulky Matters is a service run in partnership with Blackpool Council and can help remove and recycle all of your old bulky waste, for just a small fee. You can book a [bulky collection online](#).

Christmas tree collection

When the festivities are over, you can carry on spreading kindness, joy and cheer by recycling your Christmas tree. This year again we are partnering with Trinity Hospice and in exchange for a donation they will come and collect your tree.

They will be collecting trees on Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 January* from the FY1, FY2, FY3, FY4, FY5 and FY8 areas.

*Limited collection spots available, so [book early to avoid disappointment](#).

Customer First and benefits opening times

Dates	Times
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December	9.00am to 5.00pm
Wednesday 25 December - Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 2 January	9.00am to 5.00pm

- Any enquiries emailed to [Customer First](#) will be replied to from 2 January.
- If you are making a Freedom of Information Request, please email it to FOI@blackpool.gov.uk. If you are making a Data Protection Subject Access request please email this to DPA@blackpool.gov.uk
- [Payments for services](#) can be made online or by automated telephone line 01253 478751

Out of hours emergencies only

For **emergencies only** you can telephone 01253 477600.

Benefit payment changes

If your normal payment is due on Thursday 26 December payments will be released as follows:

- Cheques - Posted out Wednesday 18 December 2019
- BACS payments - Released Monday 23 December crediting bank accounts on Tuesday 24 December 2019

If your normal payment is due on Thursday 2 January 2020 payments will be released as follows:

- Cheques - Posted out Monday 23 December 2019
- BACS Payments – Released Monday 31 December crediting bank accounts as normal on Thursday 2 January 2020

Art and culture

Venue	Close	Reopen
All libraries except Central, Moor Park and Palatine	Close at the normal time or 4.00pm at latest on 24 December (2.00pm for Library@thegrange)	Normal hours from 2 January Excluding Central, Moor Park and Palatine
Central, Moor Park and Palatine Libraries	Close at the normal time or 4.00pm at latest on 24 December	28 December (Only) normal opening hours, then normal hours from 2 January
Grundy Art Gallery (Shop only)	4.00pm on 21 December	10.00am on 2 January (Shop only)

Sports and leisure

Venue	Close	Reopen
Blackpool Sports Centre	24 December 4.00pm	As normal 2 January
Moor Park Health and Leisure Centre	24 December 4.00pm	Restricted hours on 27 to 31 December. See website for further details. Reopen as normal 2 January
Palatine Leisure Centre	24 December 4.00pm	Restricted hours on 27 to 31 December. See website for further details. Reopen as normal 2 January

Registrar service

Blackpool registration service will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2019 and 1 January 2020.

The registrars are open at the Town Hall, Talbot Square from 9.00am to 4.30pm by **appointment only** on the same dates.

Appointments can be booked online to [register a death](#) at the Town Hall and to [register births](#).

All certificate services will be suspended from 21 December and will resume on 2 January.

Christmas in Blackpool

For full information on what there is to see and do in Blackpool over the Christmas period, please visit [Visit Blackpool's Christmas in Blackpool 2019 pages](#).

Find out about [parking for a pound in Blackpool this Christmas](#)

Public transport

Keep yourself up to date with all the changes to bus and tram services across the festive period on the bus companies own websites:

- [Blackpool Transport](#)
- [Stagecoach Merseyside and South Lancashire](#)
- [Coastal Coaches](#)
- [Catch 22](#)

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