

FESTIVE TOUR FOR RECYCLING AND WASTE

A festive reduce, reuse, recycle roadshow will be visiting venues across the Island from Monday 12 November. The tour will take in venues such as supermarkets, libraries and town centres and is aimed at encouraging recycling and reducing waste over the Christmas period.

“Most of the Island’s residents recycle so the aim of this tour is to encourage those who want to do more but are not sure how to, to think differently about the festive period and reduce, reuse and recycle,” said Councillor Michael Murwill, Cabinet member for waste management. “The tour will have a whole host of tips and advice to help residents, from choosing non-glittery cards which can be recycled to planning the festive food menu more effectively and using leftovers in a creative way to limit waste.”

The events have been organised to remind people how to recycle what they can and what to do with items such as broken Christmas decorations, glittery wrapping paper and cards, which cannot be recycled.

The shows will also focus on reducing food waste by giving recipe ideas on using up leftover Christmas food such as turkey, vegetables, desserts and cheese, in addition to giving handy tips on how to make food last longer.

Visitors to any of the roadshows can pick up a handy leaflet with all the information inside or can download a poster and recipe card at www.iwight.com/waste under the 'Bins, recycling and rubbish' tab.

Information will also be put out on the council’s Facebook and Twitter channels.

Paul Southall, Amey account manager for the Island, said: “Many of us generate excess waste over Christmas which often means items that are non-recyclable, such as broken Christmas decorations, polystyrene or foil wrapping paper, can end up in recycling bins as people think they are doing it correctly. The information events will offer help and guidance on getting it right over Christmas and the new year.

“Every company or organisation we have spoken to have been fantastic in their support and we are also working with the ferry companies to specifically speak to commuters and family visitors to the Island who may not know how our recycling service works on the Island.”

The full list of venues, dates and exhibition times can be found below*:

Venue	Date	Time
The Heights Leisure Centre, Sandown	12 November	11.30am to 3pm
ASDA, Newport	14 November	10am to 3pm
Tesco Extra, Ryde	20 November	10am to 3pm
Waitrose, East Cowes	21 November	10am to 3pm
Newport Library, Newport	22 November	10am to 3pm
Costa Coffee, Ryde	27 November	10am to 3pm
Co-Op, Freshwater	28 November	10am to 3pm
St James Square, Newport	29 November	10am to 3pm
The Heights Leisure Centre, Sandown	4 December	10am to 3pm
The Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival (Three Bishops Pub)	6 December	10am to 3pm
Wightlink Ferry, Fishbourne route	7 December	Mid-morning sailing until mid-afternoon
Red Funnel Ferry, East Cowes route	11 December	Mid-morning sailing until mid-afternoon
Tesco Extra, Ryde	12 December	10am to 3pm
Morrison’s, Newport	13 December	10am to 3pm
Red Funnel Red Jet Terminal, Cowes	18 December	10am to 3pm
West Wight Sports Centre, Freshwater	19 December	10am to 3pm
Wightlink Ryde Pier (concourse area)	20 December	10am to 3pm

*Times and venues subject to change at any time