



Renew garden waste online NOW!

Got a garden waste collection? Your service, extended due to last year's COVID disruption, runs out by Saturday 8 May. Renew now to avoid a gap; there is no amnesty or grace period. Best way to pay is online. Starting a subscription? Sign up online or, if you prefer, buy garden waste sacks and order pick-ups to suit you via somersetwaste.gov.uk's My Waste Services menu.

In-cab technology to identify paid-up subscribers means the service will be stickerless from 10 May, and improved routes means some subscribers will get a letter with a different collection day.

More: somersetwaste.gov.uk/garden-waste-collections/

All change for May bank holidays

All collections are one day later in the week of the Early May Bank Holiday.

With no collections on Bank Holiday Monday (3 May), Monday's pick-ups are on Tuesday, through to Friday's taking place on Saturday 8 May. This affects recycling and rubbish, plus garden, clinical, assisted and bulky waste collections, and waste container deliveries.

Meanwhile, the Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 30 May will also see one-day-later collections that week, including Friday's on Saturday 5 June.

For both bank holidays, recycle sites will be unchanged, though they are all now on their summer hours (weekdays 9am-6pm, weekends 9am-4pm).

On Fridays, 10 sites open 9am-6pm: Bridgwater, Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Somerton, Taunton, Wellington, Wells, Yeovil. **On Saturdays**

and Sundays, all 16 sites open 9am to 4pm. **On Mondays**, 12 sites open 9am-6pm: Bridgwater, Castle Cary, Chard, Cheddar, Crewkerne, Frome, Minehead, Street, Taunton, Wells, Williton, Yeovil.

Recycle More heads South

South Somerset residents should prepare for their exciting new recycling service by thinking *inside* the box.

Recycle More reaches South Somerset in late June, with much more recycling collected every week, and emptier rubbish bins taken every three weeks. Having all the right containers to make full use of weekly recycling is key.

Everyone can have a green and a black recycling box, plus a food waste bin. All are FREE and can be ordered easily online with the My Waste Service menu at somersetwaste.gov.uk. **Never use anything except safe and efficient official boxes and bins.**

To help South Somerset get ready, SWP is hosting Question and Answer sessions on its @somersetwaste Facebook page:

- Friday, 7 May (12noon-1pm)
- Tuesday 25 May (7-8pm)
- Wednesday 16 June (7-8am)
- Monday 5 July (7-8pm)

Launched successfully in Mendip last year, Recycle More will add the following items to South Somerset's weekly recycling collections:

- Plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Food and drink cartons
- Small batteries
- Small electrical items

Every home will have a new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag – delivered just before the new service starts.

Different materials will go into different containers, with the bag used to for plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles; plus cans, foil and empty aerosols.

Everyone in South Somerset will be sent full Recycle More information before the service starts, including their collection calendar and a what-goes-where guide.

Extra support is available for anyone with concerns about Recycle More. Garden and clinical waste collections will not change with Recycle More.

Recycle More details (including planned roll-out dates for Somerset West and Taunton and Sedgemoor): somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each partner council: **Mendip** Cllrs Tom Ronan, Matthew Martin; **Sedgemoor** Cllrs Janet Keen, Andrew Gilling; **Somerset County** Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); **Somerset West and Taunton** Cllrs Sarah Wakefield, David Mansell; **South Somerset** Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB agendas: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

somersetwaste.gov.uk for advice and ezine sign-up. Follow @Somersetwaste on social media. SWP manages waste services for all Somerset councils.