Somerset Waste Partnership
Briefing for Members, Partners and Staff
May 2020: Recycling sites, Garden waste collections & More

Recycling sites reopen Monday 11 May

Eleven recycling sites will reopen on Monday 11 May for essential visits only - in line with updated guidance - and garden waste collections will resume from the same day (see overleaf).

To ensure social distancing, protect public and staff and limit numbers, there will be a range of temporary restrictions; queues and delays are likely.

Government guidance states visits should only take place if waste cannot be stored safely at home without risking harm or ill-health, or harm to public health and amenity. **If not an essential journey, please wait until sites are back to normal. Delays are likely.**

Recycling sites open from 11 May: Bridgwater, Chard, Dulverton, Frome, Highbridge, Street, Taunton, Wellington, Wells, Williton and Yeovil. (Other sites due to reopen from Tuesday 26 May.)

All will be open six days a week: 9am-6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays; all closed Thursdays. **Access is "one in, one out", a number plate system will be used:**

- Odd numbers only Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays
- Even numbers only Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays

Other restrictions include:

- Maximum two people per household
- No people with COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been asked to shield
- No large vans (3.5 tonne or heavier)
- No trailers
- Gloves to be worn outside vehicles

Only these materials will be taken:

- Refuse usually put in your rubbish bin, and bulky items, such as furniture
- Garden waste
- Large electrical items, such as cookers, fridges, TVs etc
- Hazardous chemicals, such as those from garden sheds or garages

Not taken until further notice:

- Anything involving payment, such as charged-for hardcore, soil, tyres, gas bottles or vehicle parts (compost will not be available to buy)
- Commercial waste
- Asbestos or plasterboard

Please do not take unless essential (as it will be landfilled):

- Anything usually recycled kerbside – food, cardboard, paper, cans, glass etc
- Wood, metals, small electrical items
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays, Tetra Paks

Queue cams at Bridgwater, Chard, Taunton and Yeovil can be viewed via https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-centre-queue-cams/

Garden waste restarts Monday 11 May

Collection of garden waste restarts from Monday 11 May. Subscriptions for 2020-21 will run until mid-May 2021.

Many subscribers' collection day and dates have changed. It's important that people reread the letter that came with their bin sticker or check this via My Collection Day at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

Collections will only be made from 2020-21 subscribers using bins with lids closed and the correct year sticker, or in paid-for garden waste bags.

Not collected: garden waste not in official bins or sacks, non-subscribers, bins with the wrong or no sticker, bins with excess weight (if necessary, remove some material for next collection).

Contact your district customer services if you have not received a sticker or bin: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/contact-us/
A garden waste collection costs £55.50 for the year to 7 May 2021, while garden waste sacks are £27.50 for 10, here: www. somersetwaste.gov.uk/garden-waste-collections.

Stay safe, keep others safe

If anyone in a household has COVID-19 or symptoms of the virus, personal waste, such as used tissues, masks, gloves and disposable cleaning cloths, should be stored securely within double-bagged disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be kept separate from other waste for at least 72 hours before being put in the rubbish bin. Other household waste can be disposed of as usual.
You should disinfect waste container handles and wash hands before putting out recycling or rubbish and after taking back in containers. Please maintain social distance with any waste staff.

Make it easy with My Waste Services

Simple, free and online 24 hours a day, My Waste Services is the new no-fuss way to sort out all your recycling and rubbish needs. My Waste Services makes it quick and easy to get things done, such as ordering a replacement recycling box. Get your account now at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each of five partner councils, including the portfolio holder for environment: 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 Federica Smith-Roberts, David Mansell; South Somerset Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB's next meeting is Friday 26 June; agendas and papers available via somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

Visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk for advice and to sign up for our e-zine. Follow @Somersetwaste on Facebook and Twitter. All partner customer services can assist with enquiries.