Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing for Members, Partners and Staff March 2022



Recycling site opening hours

1 April - 30 September

	Bridgwater	Castle Cary	Chard	Cheddar	Crewkerne	Dulverton	Frome	Highbridge
Monday	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed
Tuesday	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed
Wednesday	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pn
Thursday	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pn
Friday	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pr
Saturday	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pn
Sunday	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pr
	Minehead	Somerton	Street	Taunton	Wellington	Wells	Williton	Yeovil
Monday	Minehead 9am - 6pm	Somerton Closed	Street 9am - 6pm	Taunton 9am - 6pm	Wellington Closed	Wells 9am - 6pm	Williton 9am - 6pm	Yeovil 9am - 6pr
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All change I: later summer site hours

April marks the switch from winter to summer hours for Somerset recycling sites. Sites are open the same days as in winter, including all 16 open every Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm yearround. But instead of winter's 9am-5pm on weekdays, summer hours - when a site is open - are 9am-6pm from Friday 1 April to Friday 30 September. All site details here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres.

All change II: clock this safety tip

Clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 27 March 2022 (and back one hour at 2am on Sunday 30 October). Good times to check clock batteries and small electricals (recycled kerbside), plus smoke detectors/alarms and unbroken bulbs (take to any recycle site with batteries, electricals, wiring, white goods, metals and more). Stay safe when checking electrical equipment.

All change III: one day later for Easter

Everyone's collections change for Easter. Good Friday 15 April pick-ups move to Saturday 16 April and all Easter week collections are a day later, including Friday collections on Saturday 23 April. **NB:** Almost all Easter egg packaging can be recycled: card in black recycle box, while clear plastic trays holding eggs

All changed: Recycle More success

can join foil in your Bright Blue Bag.

Expanded Recycle More collections have now successfully started throughout Somerset, with residents recycling

hundreds of tonnes of extra materials every week. Service improvements for some homes with communal collections will be delivered later this year.

For details of what Recycle More collects and what materials go in which containers, see **somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more**. For more on communal collections, see **somersetwaste.gov.uk/communal-collection-services**.

Green grant for school clothes shop

A pop-up recycled clothes "shop" is the first project green lit by one of the 50 new Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) £500 Eco-School grants. Abbas and Templecombe Primary School will be using the grant to help develop an initiative that supports reuse. Parents donate surplus clothing, which is sorted and prepared for collection, reusing materials, saving money and teaching children about fashion's environmental impact. Closing date for school grant applications is the end of May 2022. See: somersetwaste.gov.uk/education.



A van for all seasons: the winner is...

The new customised Somerset Waste Partnership van that will tour the county to promote sustainable consumption of electrical items now has its name: **Fixy**. Dozens of names were suggested and whittled down to a shortlist of five that attracted more than 1,500 votes.

With support, useful tools and an electrical testing service, the Fixy van will visit events, schools and businesses to promote reuse of electronic and electrical items. The aim is to help get anything with batteries or a plug - radios to remote controls, toasters to tablets - fixed rather than discarded.

Waste less time; do more online

Via **somersetwaste.gov.uk**'s My Waste Services 24/7, you can:

- Order any recycle container free
- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Order paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Get recycle site van/trailer permit
- Send comments about services
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each partner council:

Mendip Cllrs Peter Goater, Tom Ronan;
Sedgemoor Cllrs Andrew Gilling, Janet Keen; Somerset County Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); Somerset West and Taunton Cllrs David Mansell, Andrew Sully; South Somerset Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB agendas: somersetwaste.

gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

SWP manages waste services for all Somerset councils. On social media, follow **@Somersetwaste**. Advice and ezine sign-up: **somersetwaste.gov.uk**