

Recycle More Messenger

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Welcome to the third Taunton Deane **Recycle More Messenger**. The new collections start in just over two weeks, with Bright Blue Bags due to be delivered from next week. We appreciate your help in raising awareness of this important change that will protect the environment and help tackle climate change.

KEEP IT! PIN IT! CHECK IT!

'Coming soon!' leaflets are starting to arrive in the post. It contains must-know info about the new service and should be kept safe for future reference.

It includes an all important collection day calendar. Specific to each address, it shows:

- a day of the week for collections
- the date for your first Recycle More collections – the first time to use the Bright Blue Bag and put different items into each recycling box

Collection days will change for around a third of people so it's important to check.



One-off extra rubbish collection? It could be you!

On Saturday 30 Oct and Saturday 6 Nov, several thousand homes will get an extra, one-off rubbish collection.

These are to make sure no-one has a gap of more than three weeks between rubbish collections as we move to the new service.

Anyone affected will have this made clear in their calendar.

You will have an extra collection (of rubbish only) on **Saturday 30 October** to help you through

Here come the Bright Blue Bags!

Teams following recycling crews in the two weeks leading up to the launch of Recycle More will deliver the new recycling containers. Exactly when you get yours will depend on where you live as the crews make their way around the area.

Each bag will have a tag reminding people what needs to go in them, and a note to check their collection day calendar for when they should start using it.

As the bags are delivered, stickers will be put on recycling boxes, making clear what goes into each under the new service.



All about the bags

Every household will have a new recycling container, the Bright Blue Bag, which:

- Is tough, waterproof and washable
- Has a 60 litre capacity
- Folds flat when not in use
- Is base-weighted to stop it blowing away
- Has a Velcro-fastened lid to stop the contents blowing away.

We considered whether to have a bag or another box. We went for the bag largely because it can be folded away when not in use and is therefore easy to store.

You may find the lid of the bag is tucked down inside when it first arrives so make sure you check.

They are working well in Mendip and South Somerset as they did in trials in Somerset. Similar bags are used elsewhere in the country, including East Devon.



Recycled and recyclable?

The rubber base for the bag is made from recycled material and the bags will be 100% recyclable.

We are finalising plans to recycle the rubber base, in Somerset if possible, and have a local reprocessor for the rest.

Remember: nothing changes until you get your Bright Blue Bag

Keep recycling sites in your sights

Until Recycle More starts, please continue to make full use of recycling sites. Priorswood and Poole already accept all the new materials.

Please take them there rather than putting them in the rubbish or storing them for your first new collection. We don't want the new service inundated.

Get ready, order your boxes

Recycle More will work best if everyone makes full use of weekly recycling collections. Please make sure you have all the containers you need.



If you are not recycling food waste, now is the time to start.

Everyone can have green and black recycling boxes and food waste bins. You can order new or replacement boxes or bins FREE using the My Waste Services menu at [somersetwaste.gov.uk](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)



Concerns or worries? Get in touch

Recycle More is running in Mendip and South Somerset and for the vast majority of people it's working well. But we want to hear if you have questions or worries.

- Contact us through the form on the Somerset West and Taunton website (See popular tasks on the homepage)
- Telephone Somerset West and Taunton on 0300 3048000.

