



Return as planned for garden waste

Garden waste collections will restart on the usual collection day in the fortnight that begins Monday 13 September.

From 13 September, you can also order garden sack collections and buy garden waste subscriptions via My Waste Services at somersetwaste.gov.uk. Eight weeks have been added to all subscriptions. Check pick-ups via My Collection Day at somersetwaste.gov.uk (tip: postcode gap AB1 2CD).

Subscribers must not overfill garden waste bins or leave lids open as this could damage the truck hoist and potentially put passers-by at risk. If the crew judges it too heavy, the bin weight must be reduced to 40kgs or less.

Question? Check all the information at somersetwaste.gov.uk/gardenwaste-suspension and complete the online

form if you still need to make contact. If you cannot use the online form, **DO NOT** contact your district council. Instead, call this dedicated garden waste service number: 01823 589900 (line open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, until Friday 17 September).

The six-week suspension allowed the garden waste drivers to support vital recycle and rubbish pick-ups.

We apologise to subscribers and thank you for your help and patience in these difficult times.

Collections getting back on track

After weeks of collections disruption from the LGV driver shortage, SWP and its contractor SUEZ expect to have sufficient staff for all recycle and rubbish rounds every day and to be able to return for any reported missed collection within two working days.

Any missed collections should be reported after 7pm of the day of the miss, ideally online using My Waste Service on the SWP homepage.

The continuing national driver shortage and COVID uncertainties mean the situation remains fragile, but everything possible is being done to maintain a reliable collection service. For recruitment opportunities, including LGV drivers who need the further "CPC" training, see: suez.co.uk/en-gb/join-our-team-in-somerset, email somersetjobs.uk@suez.com, or call 07970 724559. Latest service news: somersetwaste.gov.uk/service-update

Step It Up with Recycle Week 2021

The annual national Recycle Week is coming up fast on 20-26 September, with the theme this year of Step It Up to combat climate change. SWP will mark it by promoting action to recycle more and celebrating the impressive progress Somerset residents have and are showing. That progress is being seen not only in the hundreds of tonnes of extra recycling collected with the new Recycle More collections but also in the results revealed by the latest annual Recycling Tracker report, including the carbon reductions achieved by recycling – 123,000 tonnes saved in 2020-21.

All go for Recycle More phase three

If you live in the Taunton Deane area, full details of the new Recycle More kerbside collections will land on your door mat very soon. Much more recycling will be taken every week, and emptier rubbish bins taken every three

weeks. Having the right containers is key. Order green and black recycle boxes, plus food waste bins, FREE via My Waste Services at somersetwaste.gov.uk. **Always use only the safe and efficient official boxes, bags and bins.**

Join our Recycle More Q&A sessions on the [@somersetwaste Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/somersetwaste):

- Wed15Sep 7-8pm
- Thu30Sep 7-8am
- Mon18Oct 7-8pm
- Fri05Nov 7-8am

More on Recycle More, from the new materials to what goes where, here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

Finally ... winter hours for recycle sites

All recycle sites will be switching to their winter hours - weekends stay 9am-4pm but, when open, weekdays change to 9am-5pm - from Friday 1 October to Thursday 31 March.

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

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