

Recycle More Messenger

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Welcome to the latest update on Recycle More.

The great leap forward for recycling in Somerset is just over a month away now – starting in Mendip at the end of October. It's an important change that means doing things a little differently, and we're here to help make it work for everyone.

Info to your door

Our 'Get ready for Recycle More' leaflet should be landing on doormats across Mendip introducing the new service.

A second 'Recycle More is coming soon' leaflet will be arriving in early October. This is very important so look out for it. It has a guide to what goes into which recycling container (including the Bright Blue Bag) once Recycle More starts. It's something for people to keep and refer back to.

Quick reminder – what's changing

- Added to weekly recycling collections:
 - plastic pots, tubs and trays
 - food & drink cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
 - small household batteries
 - small electrical items (kettles etc)
- New recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag – delivered to all homes.
- More recycling, so rubbish collected every three weeks instead of every two.
- Collection days will change for roughly a third of households.

Keep recycling sites in your sights

Until Recycle More starts, please make full use of recycling sites. Dulcote (Wells), Frome and Street already accept the new Recycle More 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.



Collection day calendars

This really important info is in the 'Recycle More is coming' leaflet arriving in early October. Calendars are specific to individual addresses. It will give:

- 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 different boxes

For a third of people their collection day will be different so it's important to check.

Again, something to keep and refer to.

Your Recycle More collection calendar
Your collection day will be a **Wednesday** Please keep me!

October 2020				28	31
November 2020		4	11	18	25
December 2020	2	9	16	23	31*
January 2021		7*	13	20	27
February 2021	3	10	17	24	
March 2021	3	10	17	24	
April 2021		7	14	21	28
May 2021		4	11	18	25
June 2021	3*	9	16	23	30
July 2021		7	14	21	28
August 2021		4	11	18	25
September 2021	2*	8	15	22	29

* Due to the bank holiday, your collection this week is on a different day

Your first new collection day will be **Wednesday 28 October**
You will have an extra rubbish collection on **Saturday 10 October** to help you through the change

On collection day:
✓ Rubbish bin lid closed, with no waste on top or beside it
✓ Sort recycling into the correct container
✓ Recycling and rubbish out by 7am



Some people will get a one-off, extra rubbish collection before Recycle More starts. That will be on the calendar too.

Getting ready: Order containers

It's important that everyone makes full use of the weekly recycling collections. To do that they need the right containers.

Everyone can have a green and a black recycling box and a food waste bin, as well as the Bright Blue Bag when it arrives - more than one if needed.

Order new or replacement containers FREE online using the My Account or My Waste Services on the SWP homepage.

Or, call Mendip District Council on 0300 303 8588.

Online Q&A sessions

There are two more Facebook Q&A sessions about Recycle More. We've had a good response to the first two, so please join in by visiting the @somersetwaste Facebook page and post your questions.

- Sat, 10 October, 11am to 12noon
- Thurs 29 October, 7pm to 8pm

Some examples from this week's Q&A:

Q: Why is it taking so long to reach other parts of Somerset?

A: We're upgrading depots to take extra recycling - we can't do them all at once.

Q: Are you collecting bottle tops?

A: Yes, plastic bottle tops and tops on glass bottles and jars.

Q: Will you take the film from trays?

A: Sadly not at this point. It's very difficult to find reprocessors to take it.

You can also join us at the Mendip **Talking Café Live on Wednesday, 14 October, 11am-12noon**, run by the Community Council for Somerset. Join live or watch the recorded session later. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset/live>

Concerns or worries? Get in touch

Extra guidance and support is available. We want to hear from anyone who has questions or worries.

- Contact us through My Account or My Waste Services on the SWP homepage
- Telephone Mendip District Council on 0300 3038588.

Remember: nothing changes until you get your Bright Blue Bag

