



### **Sort out your garden waste now**

Garden waste about to run out? Most subscriptions end today - Friday 1 July - and there is no grace period. To ensure no interruptions or delays, renew now online 24/7 via the "Garden waste" tab on the My Waste Services menu at [somersetwaste.gov.uk](https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

The cost has been frozen at last year's prices; a single 180-litre bin service still £57.20, and a 10-pack of 90-litre garden waste sacks still £28.30. Not received a reminder or need to check renewal day? Check with My Waste Services. If you want a new or extra garden waste collection, you can start or restart a subscription at any point and receive the full 12 months/25 collections service.

### **Sort out your compost bin now**

We work with [getcomposting.com](https://www.getcomposting.com) to offer Somerset residents great triple-

decker deals on bargain compost bins. Save once with a 220-litre bin for just £13.00. Save twice with buy-one-get-one-half-price. Save thrice with £6.99 delivery per order. Smart gardeners order two and share delivery with a friend, neighbour or family member.

### **Hurrah, Recycle More recycles more**

Somerset's recycling rate is at an all-time high and rubbish levels have fallen, thanks to green-thinking residents.

The rate jumped from 2020-21's 52.2% to just over 56% in 2021-22 and could go higher as Recycle More beds in. And families discarding tonnes less rubbish every week have far emptier refuse bins.

By embracing Recycle More, Somerset's recycling performance is likely to put the county in the top 10% when national figures are shared later in the year.



## Helping you love your stuff for longer

With Reuse Week coming up fast - see below - the Fixy van is busy and getting busier, visiting events, schools and businesses to promote reuse, support repair cafes with tools and a portable appliance testing safety service, encourage volunteers to get involved, and collect smart tech to pass on.

Find Fixy and donate tech on Sat9Jul, 10am-12noon at Bishops Hull Repair Café, Bishops Hull Hub TA1 5EB, and 1.30pm-4.30pm in Fore Street, Taunton, signposting Taunton Repair Cafe, 2pm-4pm, Moose Hall, Tower Lane TA1 4AR. More: [somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy](https://somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy).

## Somerset's first reuse week on its way

The county's Reuse Week 16-23 July will celebrate the step above recycle in the waste hierarchy with activities encouraging more people to reuse rather than buying new, recycling or throwing away, from using charity shops and selling online to repairing instead of discarding and repurposing items to give them a new lease of life. A key strand will be a very busy week for the Fixy van, visiting all parts of Somerset. For details of Reuse Week activities, check the [@somersetwaste](https://www.facebook.com/somersetwaste) Facebook page, Twitter feed, Next Door and [somersetwaste.gov.uk/reuse-week](https://somersetwaste.gov.uk/reuse-week).

## Fire! Simple steps to stay waste safe

Binned batteries begin blazes so never put any batteries or electrical items in your rubbish. You will waste valuable resources that can easily be recycled, reused or repaired, and risk a fire that could threaten your home, your family and crews taking away your waste.

Batteries - including any in electrical and electronic items - can explode or catch fire when bashed about in your bin or crushed in the refuse truck compactor.

You can recycle all electricals and batteries at any recycle site, or recycle household batteries and small electrical items in weekly kerbside collections. Put small electricals in an untied carrier-size bag and batteries in a tied small clear bag. Do not use a black rubbish sack.

To avoid recycling when you could reuse unwanted items, please check if your electricals could be repaired at a repair cafe or donated via the Fixy van to other families who are in digital need.

**PS:** Summer brings a hunger for BBQ, but be sure to drench holiday barbecues so no hot embers can start a rubbish bin fire to endanger your family and home.

## Swap and save on school uniforms

Check now if your children's schools organise uniform swap shops, and avoid any unnecessary cost, pointless waste or last-minute rush in September.

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All details, reports: [somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board](https://somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board).