

# Recycle More Messenger

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**Welcome** to the third South Somerset Recycle More Messenger. We appreciate your help in raising awareness of this important new service which launches at the end of the month and helps protect the environment and tackle climate change.

## A quick reminder - what's changing

- Added to weekly collection:
  - Plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - Food and drink cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
  - Small household electricals (kettles etc)
  - Small household batteries
- New recycling container a Bright Blue Bag—delivered to all homes
- More recycling, so rubbish collected every three weeks instead of every two
- Collection day change for some

## Keep Me! Key leaflet coming soon!

A key leaflet will be delivered to residents shortly. The 'Coming soon!' leaflet has vital info about collection days and how to present recycling. It's important that everyone keeps their copy to refer to.



## Collection day calendars

This really important info is in the 'Recycle More is coming' leaflet arriving in early June. 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 each recycling box

**Your Recycle More collection calendar**

Your collection day will be **Monday**

Keep me!

June 2021	28				
July 2021	5	12	19	26	
August 2021	2	9	16	23	31*
September 2021	6	13	20	27	
October 2021	4	11	18		
November 2021	1	8	15	22	29
December 2021		5	12	19	26
January 2022	3	10	17	24	31
February 2022		7	14	21	28
March 2022	7	14	21	28	
April 2022	4	11	19*	25	
May 2022	3*	9	16	23	30

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

Your first collection day will be Monday 28 June 2021

Recycling week

Recycling and rubbish week

On collection day:

- ✓ Rubbish bin lid closed; no waste on top or beside it
- ✓ Recycling and rubbish out by 7am
- ✓ [somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more](http://somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more)

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

## Concerns or worries? Get in touch

Recycle More started in Mendip in October and for the vast majority of people it's working well. But we want to hear from anyone with questions or worries.

- Contact us through the My Waste Services menu on the SWP homepage
- Telephone South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462

## What plastics go in the bag?

**Plastic bottles** such as those for milk, soft drinks, shampoo, detergents.

**Plastic pots** such as those for yoghurt, soup, face cream, hair gel, toiletries.

**Plastic tubs** such as those for margarine, ice cream, laundry tablets.

**Plastic trays** (any colour) such as those for meat, fruit, veg, ready meals, egg boxes.

These account for a large amount of plastic waste for most people.

## Does Recycle More mean I can recycle all plastics?

**No.** Some plastics are still really difficult to recycle because few reprocessors in this country take them.

We don't want to collect any items for recycling unless we know we can get them recycled, and recycled in the UK if possible.

If it is plastic but not a bottle, pot, tub or tray, do not put it in any of your recycling containers.

## Common examples of plastics Recycle More WILL NOT collect

**Thin stretchy and crinkly plastics**, such as carrier bags, food wrappings or film from food trays and punnets.

**Hard plastics**, such as plastic toys, CD cases, car parts, coat hangers, blister packs, toothbrushes, pens.

**Other plastics**, such as toothpaste tubes and polystyrene/expanded polystyrene.

**Mixed materials**, such as pet food pouches and crisp packets.

If you cannot reuse or recycle them elsewhere, they can be put in your rubbish bin and used to generate electricity at the energy from waste plant.

Some supermarkets are starting to collect some of these materials so please check. You can also check [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) for any local volunteer collections.

## Facebook Q&As

Please join us for our next Facebook Q&A session Wednesday, 16 June at 7-8am [@somersetwaste](https://www.facebook.com/somersetwaste)

