

Winter weather advice

Winter weather can affect kerbside collections and recycling sites. As in previous years our advice is:

- When it's **windy**, weigh down loose materials, stack boxes with the locked food waste bin on top. Squash all except glass and aerosols to reduce the risk of light items being blown out of boxes and causing mess down your street.
- When it's **wet** recycle as normal - except for textiles, clothes or shoes (keep dry in plastic bags, not black sacks); wet recycling is not a problem.
- Whilst all efforts will be made to maintain services, if safe, in **severe weather**, services may be delayed or suspended; check the [SWP website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for latest news. We will update partners twice daily in severe weather.
- If a collection is missed during widespread disruption:
 - please put out missed containers by 7am for up to **four calendar days for recycling**, and up to **seven calendar days for rubbish**.
 - In the unlikely event we've still not been able to collect waste, please take containers back in and put them out by 7am on the next usual collection day.
 - Recycling Centres can be used to clear waste with no wait or worry, including garden waste if you can't [compost at home](#)

- Where possible, clear snow and ice from pavements yourself ([advice available here](#)) as this helps pedestrians, kerbside collectors and your postman or postwoman.
- Finally, please do help friends, family and neighbours, particularly anyone elderly, infirm or disabled with containers (and remind them about our [assisted collections](#) service) or in taking excess materials to recycling sites, especially during severe weather.

Festive collection changes

All pick-ups will be two days later in the first festive week, and one day later in the second. There will be no [rubbish or recycling collections](#) – including clinical and assisted collections – on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Crews will be working the weekend of 30th and 31st December to catch up, so please help them by recycling all you can, separating your recyclable materials and reducing waste wherever possible:

- [Don't get stuck with a Christmas waste mountain](#)

What is open where and when?

Except for their annual closures on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, these [recycling sites](#) are open for refuse and all [kerbside recycling](#) materials (if [food waste](#) must be discarded, double bag and place in "cannot recycle here" skip), and check [here](#) for what materials are taken where:

Mondays 8am-4pm: Bridgwater, Frome, Minehead, Taunton, Yeovil.
Mondays 8am-7pm: Castle Cary

(Dimmer), Chard, Cheddar, Crewkerne (£2 entry fee), Dulverton (£2 entry fee), Highbridge, Somerton, Street, Wellington, Wells (Dulcote), Williton.

Tuesdays-Wednesdays 8am-4pm:

Bridgwater, Castle Cary, Cheddar, Crewkerne (£2 entry fee), Dulverton (£2 entry fee), Frome, Minehead, Street, Taunton, Wellington, Williton, Yeovil.

Thursdays-Fridays 8am-4pm:

Bridgwater, Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Somerton, Taunton, Wells (Dulcote), Yeovil.

Saturdays 8am-4pm: All 16 sites.

Sundays 8am-1pm: Castle Cary (Dimmer), Chard, Cheddar, Crewkerne (£2 entry fee), Dulverton (£2 entry fee), Highbridge, Somerton, Street, Wellington, Wells (Dulcote), Williton.

Sundays 8am-4pm: Bridgwater, Frome, Minehead, Taunton, Yeovil.

What we collect at the kerbside

Until we roll out Recycle More, the materials we collect at the kerbside are as follows:

We collect:- Paper (newspaper, magazines, leaflets etc.) Unbroken glass bottles and jars Aluminium foil Empty cans Empty aerosols Plastic bottles Cardboard Textiles (bagged and clearly marked) Shoes (tied in pairs)	
But Not:- Broken glass Knives and other sharp objects Part full cans, bottles, jars Paint Nappies Food and drink cartons Plastic that is not a bottle Cartons (Tetrapak type)	

Somerset Waste Board

SWP is the executive arm of SWB, with two members nominated by each of the six Somerset partner councils, one of which must be the portfolio holder for waste and/or environment. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected at the Board AGM from its membership. The next SWB meeting is Friday 23 February 2018. More on SWP, SWB and waste services: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

SWB membership by council is:

- **Mendip** – Cllrs Nigel Woollcombe-Adams (Vice Chair), Nigel Taylor
- **Sedgemoor** – Cllrs Dawn Hill, Gill Slocombe
- **Somerset County** – David Hall, Clare Aparicio Paul
- **South Somerset** – Cllrs Jo Roundell Greene, Derek Yeomans (Chairman)
- **Taunton Deane Borough** – Cllrs Patrick Berry, Steve Ross
- **West Somerset** – Cllrs Martin Dewdney, Brenda Maitland-Walker

SWB meeting agendas, papers and reports are available [online](#).

Information on SWP services

For all advice and information, visit www.somersetwaste.gov.uk. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Sign-up to Sorted e-zine on our [website](#). All partners' customer service helplines can assist with service enquiries.

