

Recycle More Messenger

15 September, 2021

Welcome to the first **Taunton Deane Recycle More Messenger**. These regular updates will keep you well-informed about your new recycling service - the biggest change to recycling for a decade. Recycle More makes it easier for everyone to recycle even more and help protect our environment and tackle climate change.

When and where?

Recycle More comes to Taunton Deane at the start of November —the area covered by the former TDBC, including Taunton, Wellington and Wiveliscombe.

The rest of the SWT district, the West Somerset area, is due to get the new service in early 2022 along with Sedgemoor.

Get ready by boxing clever

Recycle More works best if you make full use of your weekly recycling collections. Make sure you have all the containers you need. If you don't currently recycle food waste, now is a great time to start.



Everyone can have green and black recycling boxes and food waste bins. You can order new or replacement boxes or bins FREE using the My Waste Services menu at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk



Info on your doorstep

To make sure people understand what is changing and when, everyone will be written to twice before anything changes.

The first leaflet should be delivered across the area from Monday 20 Sept. It gives an introduction to Recycle More, its timescales and how people can prepare.

A second leaflet, delivered from 11 Oct, will include a 'what goes where?' guide to recycling with the new service.

Importantly it will also include an individual collection day calendar of recycling and rubbish collections for the coming year.



What's changing?

A reminder of key Recycle More changes.

- These items will be added to weekly recycling collections:
 - plastic pots, tubs and trays
 - food & drink cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
 - small household batteries
 - small electrical items (kettles etc)
- A new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag – delivered to all homes.
- With more recycled, rubbish will be collected every three weeks.
- Collection days will change for more than half of households.

Remember: nothing changes until you get your Bright Blue Bag

What's not changing?

- Garden waste and clinical waste collections and their collection days will stay the same.
- Assisted collections (when crews help people with their recycling and rubbish) will continue on the new collection days.

What about communal collections?

Blocks of flats, houses of multiple occupancy and retirement developments often have communal rather than individual rubbish and recycling collections.

Where space and access allow, we will offer full Recycle More collections or expand communal collections to include plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays; and cardboard.

We will write to all residents twice before anything changes with details.

Facebook Q&A sessions

We are running out-of-hours Facebook Q&A sessions about Recycle More, fielding your questions about the new service.

Please join in and promote them in your communities and with colleagues, family and friends. To take part, just visit the **@somersetwaste** Facebook page at the right time and post questions to the team.

Recycle More Q&A
It's over to you, Taunton Deane.

Wednesday 15 September 7-8pm	Thursday 30 September 7-8am	Monday 18 October 7-8pm	Friday 5 November 7-8am
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