

# Recycle More Messenger

**Edition 2, 1 October 2021**

**Welcome** to the second Taunton Deane **Recycle More Messenger**. The big step forward for recycling arrives at the start of next month. It's an important change that means doing things differently. We're here to make it work for all.

## 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 is collected every three weeks instead of every two
- Collection day change for some

## Keep Me! Key leaflet coming soon!

The first information leaflet has already landed. The second will be delivered from 11 Oct. 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 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 each recycling box

**Your Recycle More collection calendar**

Your collection day will be **Friday** Keep me!

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

Your first new collection day will be **Friday 5 November**

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

Garden waste collections are unchanged

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

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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 is running in Mendip and South Somerset and for the vast majority of people it's working well. But we want to hear if you have questions or worries.

- Contact us through the form on the Somerset West and Taunton website (See popular tasks on the homepage)
- Telephone Somerset West and Taunton on 0300 3048000.

## Roadshows and Q&A sessions

SWP has been running roadshow events in the area and has already spoken to hundreds of people. Please come and join us if you can

- Sat 2 Oct, 10am-1pm: Wiveliscombe Town Square.
- Fri 8 Oct, 11am-2pm: opposite Priorswood Community Centre, Taunton.
- Thu 14 Oct, 9am-2pm: Taunton Fore St



We're also running out-of-hours **Facebook Q&A** sessions, fielding questions about the new service. Visit **@somersetwaste** and post questions to the team.

- Mon 18 Oct. 7-8pm
- Fri 5 Nov. 7-8am

Some sample questions from our first sessions:

**Q:** Why a bag?

**A:** Some prefer boxes, some bags. We went for bags because they should be easier to store. They went down well in trials and Mendip and South Somerset.

**Q:** Should we wash and crush bottles?

**A:** A quick rinse of bottles and tins is appreciated. Crushing plastic bottles and (if safe) tins makes the most of space in the bag, but it's not essential.

**Remember: nothing changes until you get your Bright Blue Bag**

**Q:** Can you put coffee pods in the bag?

**A:** Sorry, no. They are made of several materials squashed together. Try **podback.org** or **Terracycle.com**

## Keep recycling sites in your sights

Until Recycle More starts, please make full use of recycling sites in Priorswood and Wellington which 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.

## Have you got all your boxes?

Are you recycling food waste? If not, now is the 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 **somersetwaste.gov.uk**

## Recycle More: the story so far

We estimate that so far it has collected in the region of 6,000 extra tonnes of recycling. That's in its first 44 weeks in Mendip and 12 weeks in South Somerset.

That's around 100 extra tonnes per week in Mendip and 130 in larger South Somerset.

It's too early to know the long-term impact, but it's clearly already making a big difference.

