

# Recycle More Messenger

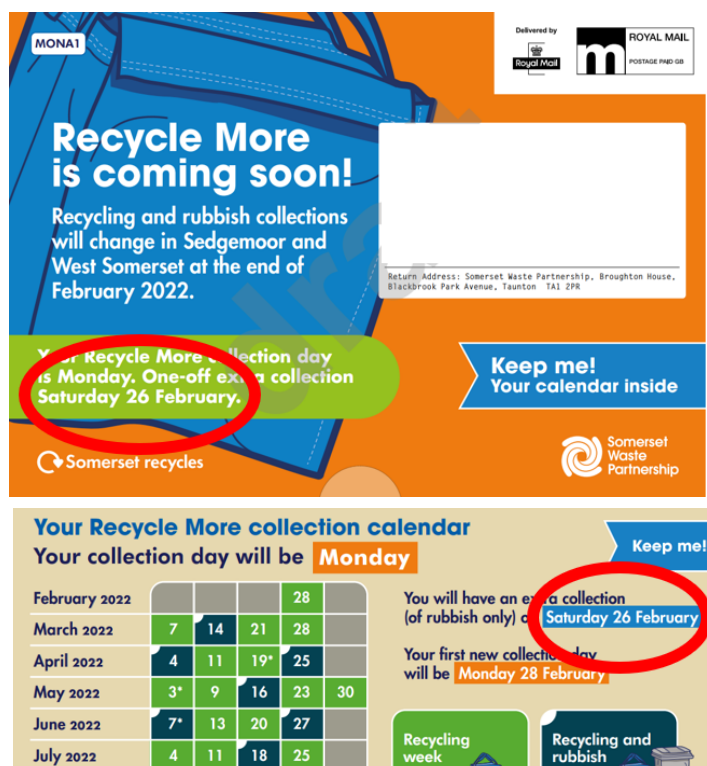
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**Welcome** to the fourth Sedgemoor and West Somerset **Recycle More Messenger**. The new service starts in just over a week, bringing expanded recycling to around 70,000 homes. It's important not to put bags out until your first collection date and check if you are due a one-off, extra Saturday collection.


## One-off extra rubbish collection? It could be you.

Several thousand households will get a one-off, extra collection - **of rubbish only** - on either 26 Feb or 5 March.

These are to make sure no-one goes over three weeks between rubbish collections. If it affects you it will be made clear on the front of your "Coming soon" leaflet and on the calendar inside.



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**Recycle More is coming soon!**

Recycling and rubbish collections will change in Sedgemoor and West Somerset at the end of February 2022.

Return Address: Somerset Waste Partnership, Broughton House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton - TA1 2PS

**Your Recycle More collection day is Monday. One-off extra collection Saturday 26 February.**

**Keep me! Your calendar inside**

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**Your Recycle More collection calendar**



Your collection day will be **Monday**

**Keep me!**

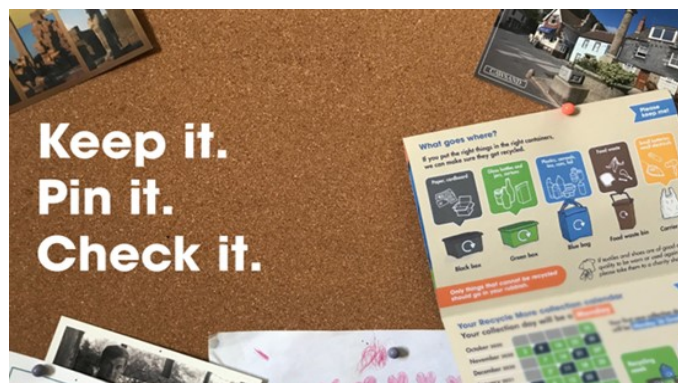
You will have an extra collection (of rubbish only) on **Saturday 26 February**

Your first new collection day will be **Monday 28 February**

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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June 2022		7*	13	20	27																										
July 2022		4	11	18	25																										

Recycling week  Recycling and rubbish week 

## Keep it. Pin it. Check it.



Everyone should have had their "Coming soon" leaflet containing a colourful "What goes where" guide to the new service and the all-important collection day calendar.

## PLEASE KEEP THESE SOMEWHERE SAFE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Two-thirds of homes will have a different collection day so it's important to check.

## Hold your horses!

Please don't put Bright Blue Bags or any of the new materials out until your first new collection day - but resist the urge to stockpile. Extra large first collections could overwhelm crews as they get used to new routes and materials.

## Changes to shared collections

We will also improve recycling for homes with shared/communal collections, like flats and houses of multiple occupancy.

There will be changes of collection day for some from 28 Feb and everyone should receive a letter explaining this.

In late June/early July we will expand recycling on these sites, adding extra containers and new materials wherever space and access allow.

Everyone will be written to twice before anything changes

## What plastics go in the blue 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.

## Can I recycle all plastics?

**No.** Unfortunately, some are still really difficult to recycle due to a lack of UK reprocessors and we don't want to collect material unless we know we can get it recycling and close to home. Last year nearly 98% stayed in the UK.

## Recycle More WILL NOT collect

- **Thin stretchy/crinkly plastics**, such as carrier bags, food wrappings or film from food trays and punnets.
- **Other plastics** like toys, CD cases, coat hangers, blister packs, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and polystyrene or expanded polystyrene.
- **Mixed materials**, such as pet food pouches and crisp packets.

Some supermarkets take some of these so check where you shop. Or try [terracycle.com/en-GB](https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB) for local volunteer collections. If you can't reuse or recycle these, put them in the rubbish.

## Concerns or worries? Get in touch

We are here to help.

- If you can, please use the form on the [somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more](https://somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more) or
- Telephone your district council
  - Sedgemoor 0300 3037800
  - Somerset West & Taunton 0300 3048000

