

# Recycle More Messenger

**Edition 1, 22 December 2021**

**Welcome** to the first Sedgemoor and West Somerset **Recycle More Messenger**. These regular updates will keep you well informed about your new recycling service that is due to launch early in 2022. It's the biggest change to recycling in the county for a decade, making it easier for everyone to recycle more, protecting the environment and helping tackle climate change.

## When are things changing?

Recycle More is scheduled to start in the week beginning 28 February. Exactly when you get your first new collection will depend on your recycling collection day.

We constantly review our plans and are closely monitoring the Covid situation.

**We will review the roll-out timetable if needed and tell you immediately if anything changes.**

## What changes with Recycle More?

### Key Recycle More detail.

- These items are 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 – is delivered to all homes.
- With more being recycled, rubbish is collected every three weeks, not two.
- Collection days will change for more than half of households.
- **Garden and clinical waste collections** are unaffected.
- **Assisted collections** continue on new collection days.

Everyone will be written to twice before anything changes.



## What about 'communal' or 'shared' collections?

As part of Recycle More we will also be improving recycling for homes with shared or communal collections—for example flats, homes or multiple occupancy and other places where containers are collected from a central, shared point.

These improvements will be brought in later in the year at a date to be confirmed. What improvements are possible will depend on space and access at each site.

## Recycle More Q&As

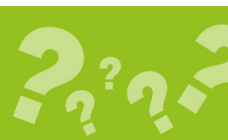
We are running several out of hours Facebook "Q&A days" about Recycle More where we will field any questions about the new service.

**They will run from 7am to 7pm.** Please join in and promote them in your communities and with colleagues, family and friends.

To take part, just visit the Facebook page [@somersetwaste](https://www.facebook.com/somersetwaste) and post questions as comments on the Q&A day's post.

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# Q&A Day



**Monday**  
**10 January**  
**7am-7pm**

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The Q&A dates are as follows:

- Monday 10 January
- Wednesday 26 January
- Friday 18 February
- Wednesday 16 March

## Check your festive collections

Until things change, please continue to recycle in exactly the same way as usual.

Note: to accommodate public holidays, collection days always alter during the festive period. Make sure you know yours (see table below).

All 16 recycling sites are open usual winter hours except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

## Festive collections 2021-22

Usual collection day	Revised collection day	Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 24 December	<b>No change</b>	Monday 3 January	<b>Tuesday 4 January</b>
Monday 27 December	<b>Tuesday 28 December</b>	Tuesday 4 January	<b>Wednesday 5 January</b>
Tuesday 28 December	<b>Wednesday 29 December</b>	Wednesday 5 January	<b>Thursday 6 January</b>
Wednesday 29 December	<b>Thursday 30 December</b>	Thursday 6 January	<b>Friday 7 January</b>
Thursday 30 December	<b>Friday 31 December</b>	Friday 7 January	<b>Saturday 8 January</b>
Friday 31 December	<b>Sunday 2 January 2022</b>		

No garden waste pick-ups in festive fortnight, above. All collections resume from Monday 10 January. Recycle sites on usual schedules except all close Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Extra site open days: Dulverton Monday 27 December, Crewkerne Tuesday 28 December

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