

Waste services over Easter

Kerbside recycling and refuse collections that would usually occur on Good Friday 14 April will be on Saturday 15 April. All collections in the week starting Easter Monday 17 April will be one day later, with Friday's pick-ups moving to Saturday 22 April.

Keep an eye on revised collections by visiting our [website](#) to see the details of bank holiday changes over Easter, May and the August bank holidays.

Many of us are indulge in Easter treats such as chocolate eggs or cakes over the long weekend. Please remember to recycle cardboard boxes or (clean) packaging card sleeves as well as foil used to wrap these treats. It helps if you can scrunch up foil into a ball, so it does not get lost in the recycling process. You can check if the foil is plastic or metallic, by giving it a scrunch. If it remains scrunched, it is metallic foil and can be recycled; if it springs back, it is made from plastic polymers and cannot.

If you are using the long weekend break to do a spot of spring cleaning around the house or your garden, remember that the recycling centres will be open on their normal schedule. To check the opening hours of your local site, see www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/sites/list/

Get that permit, bring that permit

Taking household garden waste or other household materials to a recycling site for the first time this spring? Please remember that vans, pick-ups and car-towed single-axle short trailers must

have a free permit. Restrictions continue to apply over the long Easter weekend.

For an instant download or an email to either print out or use immediately on your smart device (your plastic permit card will arrive in a few days), it is simple and quick to apply online here: <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/sites/van-trailer-permits>

Check out the full guide and detailed FAQs, including excluded vehicles and how it affects hire vans, Land Rovers and commercial waste users, here: <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/sites/van-trailer-permits>

Already got a free permit? Always bring it with you and ensure it can be seen on your dashboard, and do remind others with vans, pick-ups or trailers about getting and using a permit. Permits are only available to Somerset residents – with a limit of one trailer permit and one van permit per household – **and can be used at any open site Monday-Friday and 1pm-4pm Saturdays (not Sundays or 8am-1pm Saturdays).**

New home composting scheme

SWP is continuing the scheme with Getcomposting to provide competitively priced home composting equipment to Somerset residents. You can order online, by phone or by post.

Once again, the price remains £17.98 (RRP £39.00) for the 220l bin and £19.98 (RRP £49.00) for the 330l bin. We are also continuing with the “buy one get one half price” offer. Through

the scheme, other composting equipment and digesters as well as competitively priced water butts are available. For full details, including the delivery charge, see

www.getcomposting.com

Garden waste: did you renew?

Residents who subscribe to the kerbside [garden waste collection service](#) need to have renewed by now to avoid any interruption in service.

Renewal reminders were sent to subscribers from their local council with details of prices and how to subscribe.

After being shredded, Somerset's garden waste is regularly turned in massive windrows to become compost before being sold as [Revive soil improver](#) at every recycling site.

Compared to the cost and time of taking garden waste to a recycling site, fortnightly garden waste kerbside pickups are good value. If you are not a garden waste subscriber and want to know more, you can find details here:

<http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/collections/garden-waste/>

Latest media releases

Recent media releases and web posts included:

- [All change at Easter with one-day-later collections](#)
- [Coping with your cardboard – tear, slice, crush, flatten](#)
- [Taunton Recycling Centre fully open after fire](#)

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 the environment. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected at the Board AGM from its membership.

SWB's next meeting is the AGM on Friday 30 June 2017.

For details of 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** – Cllrs Derek Yeomans (Chair), David Hall
- **South Somerset** – Cllrs Jo Roundell Greene, Clare Aparicio Paul
- **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.

All partners' customer service helplines can assist with service enquiries.

SWP publishes the Sorted e-zine (sign-up on the website).

