

Recycle More Messenger

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Welcome to the latest update on Recycle More. The expanded recycling collections start on Monday with bags still being delivered. This is an important change that means everyone doing things a little differently. We appreciate your help and support in raising awareness.

Recent disruption

Recent weeks have seen some delayed waste collections. This has been caused by a lack of LGV drivers and other staff, reflecting a nationwide shortage.

We apologise and are working with SUEZ to get things back on track. Please bear with us and our crews who have been working hard throughout the pandemic.

This will not delay the roll-out of Recycle More and once in place the new service will slightly reduce our need for drivers as well as all its environmental benefits.

Extra collections THIS SATURDAY

On Saturday (26 June) several thousand homes will get an extra rubbish collection.

This is shown in calendars and ensures no-one waits too long between rubbish collections as we move to the new service. Please present your rubbish on Saturday if your calendar says so.

**You will have an extra collection
(of rubbish only) on Saturday 26 June
to help you through**

Bright Blue Bags—still on their way

Bags are still being delivered so please hold tight if you haven't had yours yet. Teams will deliver at the weekend and into Monday and Tuesday.

Everyone should have a blue bag before their first collection. If yours doesn't arrive, please request one using the online form. www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/recycle-more/



The Bright Blue Bag is for: plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays; food and drink cans, aerosols, and foil.

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, egg boxes.



Keep it.
Pin it.
Check it.

Check your dates

Collection days are changing for around a third of South Somerset households.

Everyone should use their leaflet calendar to check the date of their first Recycle More collection—and keep it to check future collection days.

Recycling More in Mendip

Recycle More continues to work well in Mendip where it was launched in October.

It has collected more than 2,500 extra tonnes of recycling in its first six months – more than 100 tonnes every week.

This includes a 36% increase in plastics. The latest figures show that last financial year 99.4% of the plastic we collected was recycled in the UK.

In an online survey in Mendip 81% thought the new service was an improvement and 95% said that it had made recycling easier.

Concerns or worries? Get in touch

The vast majority of people find the service works well but we want to hear from anyone with questions or worries.

- Contact us using the online form on the SSDC website.
- Telephone South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462
- Join us for our next Facebook Q&A session on Monday 5 July, 7-8pm @somersetwaste

