



All services back on usual schedules

After the festive fortnight's changes, all collection services - including garden waste - and all recycle sites have returned to their usual schedules. To check all your collection days, put your postcode - with a gap, AB12 3CD - into the My Collection Day search engine at **somersetwaste.gov.uk**. To check your nearest recycle sites - hours, materials, location - use My Recycling Site at **somersetwaste.gov.uk**.

New rules for upholstered items

Fire retardant legislation now in force means that all upholstered items – including sofas, sofa beds; chairs (arm, kitchen, dining, home office); stools, foot stools; futons, bean bags, cushions – must go in a separate signposted skip at recycle sites, as must all materials - filling and cover - removed from furniture that has been reupholstered. If you need any help, ask the staff.

Fix it for 2023!

The Fixy reuse van is out and about supporting a new year of repair cafés. Visit Fixy to learn more about the growing efforts to help everyone repair electrical gadgets and other items.

Fixy accepts donations of unwanted or broken smart tech, such as laptops, tablets, smartphones, smart watches, digital cameras, game consoles, routers, hard drives, external disk drives, and their leads and chargers. Donations are data-wiped and repaired as necessary by Somerset specialists DonateIT, and passed onto schools, community groups and families who need them.

Find Fixy here (note: repairs only available when visiting repair cafés):

■ Sunday 15 Jan 11am-2pm – Otterford Repair Café, Parish Hall, **Bishopswood** TA20 3RS.

- Monday 16 Jan 12noon-3pm – Community Living Space, The Old School, High Street, **Queen Camel**, BA22 7NH.
- Friday 20 Jan 10am-1pm – “Getting Help with the Cost of Winter” at Martock Parish Hall, Church Street, **Martock** TA12 6JL.
- Saturday 21 Jan 10am-1pm – Frome Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, **Frome** BA11 1EB.
- Wednesday 25 Jan 10am-1pm – “Getting Help with the Cost of Winter” at The Guildhall, **Chard** TA20 1PH.
- Saturday 28 Jan 10am-1pm – Repair Café in the Blackdown Hills, Hemyock Parish Hall, **Hemyock**, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3QW.

Upcoming repair cafés include:

- Saturday 14 Jan 10.30am-12.30pm – Taunton Repair Café, Moose Hall, Tower Lane, **Taunton** TA1 4AR
 - Sunday 15 Jan 11am-2pm – **Otterford** Repair Café with Fixy reuse van – see above.
 - Saturday 21 Jan 9am-12pm – **Chard** Community Hub, 9 Fore Street TA20 1PP.
 - Saturday 28 Jan 10am-1pm – Repair Café in the **Blackdown Hills** with Fixy reuse van – see above.
- More: somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy.

Time for a bargain compost bin

Great deals mean a 220-litre bin for just £16.00, and you can buy-one-get-one-half-price, plus £6.99 delivery per order. Smart gardeners order two and share delivery with a friend, neighbour or relative. Order at: getcomposting.com.

Get a garden waste collection ...

Start or restart a garden waste collection on any date for a full 25-collection 12-month service. For orders until 31 March 2023, a 180-litre bin service is £57.20, and a 10-pack of 90-litre garden waste sacks is £28.30 via "Garden waste" on the My Waste Services menu at somersetwaste.gov.uk.

... and recycle your Christmas tree

Aside from chipping it for your compost bin or using it in your wildlife corner, garden waste subscribers can leave their real tree - up to six feet, trunk no more than six inches wide, decorations removed - out for their first collection in 2023. Recycle sites also take your tree.

Hands up for waste busting lessons

50,000+ children have now learnt to 'reduce, reuse and recycle' through our Schools Against Waste project.

Launched in 2018 and delivered by the Carymoor Environment Trust, the free assemblies and workshops are available to all primary schools.

More than 180 have hosted a visit which can be in person or virtual.

To request one just email education@carymoor.org.uk

Waste less time, do more online

With My Waste Services 24/7 at somersetwaste.gov.uk, you can:

- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Order any recycle container free
- Order paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard
- Get recycle site van/trailer permit
- Send comments about services