

Recycle More Messenger

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Welcome to the latest update on Recycle More. The new service launches in Mendip on Monday (26 October), bringing expanding weekly recycling collections and moving rubbish collections from fortnightly to three-weekly. You can find lots of info and an introductory film at somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

Bright Blue Bags

The new, 60-litre recycling containers are key to the new service have been delivered across Mendip over the last two weeks. If for any reason you have not had a bag delivered before Monday you can order one for free online through Mendip District Council's website www.mendip.gov.uk/recyclemore or calling 0300 3038588.

In the meantime, put the Blue Bag materials in your black recycling box. Your recycling boxes should have been stickered to show the new items that go into each one — please take note.

New collections start Monday

The new collections start on Monday. By the end of the week, every Mendip household will have had it's first one. Collection days for recycling and rubbish are made clear in the collection day calendar part of the 'Recycle More is coming soon' leaflet delivered recently.

Monday – Frome

Tuesday – Lydford-on-Fosse area

Wednesday – Shepton Mallet and Wells

Thursday – Glastonbury and Street

Friday – Narrow access areas, lanes and small villages.

Collection days online

If you live in Mendip, you can check your collection days using the My Collection Day feature on somersetwaste.gov.uk. This also allows you to download a calendar to you computer or mobile device so you get reminders the day before collections.



The new materials being collected

A reminder of the new things we're adding to weekly collections:

- plastic pots, tubs and trays
- cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
- small household batteries
- small electrical items (kettles etc)

Plastic pots, tubs and trays

Go in the Bright Blue Bag (with plastic bottles, tins and cans, aerosols and foil). Clear, opaque and all colours are accepted. From food items, so yoghurt pots, meat and vegetable trays, margarine and ice cream tubs and ready meal packaging. From non-food items like cosmetic creams, hair gel and laundry tablets boxes. Please rinse and squash, taking special care anything that contained raw meat.

We can't collect all plastics - it's difficult to find reprocessors to take it. The following **SHOULD NOT** go in recycling containers:

- Plastic films, bags and wrappers like carrier bags, bread bags, film lids on food trays.
- Flexible packaging like crisp packets, pet food sachets.
- Thick plastics like plastic toys, plastic plant pots, storage crates.
- Polystyrene/expanded polystyrene
- Compostable/bio-degradable cups/ packaging.

Cartons

These go in the green recycling box, along with glass bottles and jars. From food and drink, including Tera Paks. For example, from fruit juice, milk, non-dairy milk and soup.

Please rinse, flatten and leave the lids on. **We cannot take** - Single-use, tea or coffee cups (you can take them to 12 of our 16 recycling sites) or compostable or bio-degradable cups or other packaging.

Small household batteries

Should be bagged and on top of a recycling box.

Batteries you might use in small appliances, torches and toys. AAA, AA, C, D, etc, camera batteries, SR batteries from watches and toys, lithium batteries from computers and phones. No batteries from vehicles (cars, motorbikes, mobility scooters or golf buggies).

Small electrical items

Should be put into a carrier bag beside recycling containers.

Any electrical item – if it has or had a plug or batteries - that fits into a carrier bag. For example: kettles, irons, toasters, mobile phones and laptops.

If leaving out batteries at the same time, put them in different bags.

Online Q&A sessions

We're running Facebook Q&A session on Thursday next week (29 Oct) from 7-8pm. Please join in by posting your questions on the [@somersetwaste](#) page

Containers, concerns or worries? Get in touch

For extra guidance and support or to order new or replacement recycling containers for free, you can:

- Contact us through My Account or My Waste Services on the SWP homepage.
- Telephone Mendip District Council on 0300 3038588.

