

Bank holiday revised collections

Bank holiday Monday 29 August means that all collections that week will be one day later than usual, including Friday pick-ups, which will be on Saturday 3 September.

Visit our [bank holiday page](#) to keep up to date with revised collection changes. Please ensure you sort and segregate all recycling, and have it ready for collection by 7am (including refuse if it falls for collection that week).

Cutting congestion at sites.

From Monday 3 October, new steps to cut congestion, improve services and enhance safety at recycling sites are being introduced at all Somerset's Recycling Centres and Community Recycling Sites.

The size of vehicles allowed entry will be limited so the vast majority of users with household waste are not held up or put at risk by large, heavily laden or hard-to-manoeuvre trucks and trailers.

Drivers of cars (without trailers), including estates, 4x4s, people carriers and campervans are not affected.

Drivers of vans up to 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight, pick-ups and all cars towing single-axle trailers up to three-metres floor length bringing in household waste are required to apply for a van or trailer permit in advance of Monday 3 October. The **free permit** will allow entry to sites during their weekday opening and on Saturday afternoons

between 1pm-4pm (not Sunday or 8am-1pm Saturdays).

From 3 October, entry with household waste will NOT be allowed for vans over 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight, box (Luton) vans, all vans or pick-ups towing trailers, agricultural vehicles, horseboxes, box trailers, trailers over three-metre floor length or with more than one axle.

Permits for Somerset residents are free, last three years and must be applied for on-line. For those without access to the internet or requiring help, assistance is available from the [Somerset Library Service](#).

To apply for a free van or trailer permit, or for more information, including details of vans and trailers affected, full terms and conditions, and frequently asked questions, visit the SWP website permits scheme page: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits.

All commercial users must comply with the new van and trailer restrictions when they visit the sites licenced to take paid-for trade waste (exceptions apply for trade users at Highbridge and Taunton). For more information see <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/business/>

The new measures will not only will help cut queues, limit delays, reduce costs and ensure sites are safe, but will bring Somerset in line with neighbouring authorities, which have similar systems for their recycling centres.

Latest media releases

Media releases from SWP in the last month included:

- [Blaze beware: how to stop making rubbish a fire risk.](#)
- [Bank holiday means all waste collections one day later.](#)
- [New measures to cut the congestion at recycling sites.](#)

Somerset Waste Board

SWP is the executive arm of SWB, which consists of two members nominated by each of the six partner councils in Somerset, one of which must be the portfolio holder for waste and/or the environment.

The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected at the annual general meeting from the Board's membership.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday 30 September 2016.

For details of SWP, SWB and waste services: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

SWB membership by council is:

- **Mendip** – Cllrs Nigel Woolcombe-Adams (Vice Chair), Terry Napper
- **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** – Cllr Patrick Berry, Steve Ross

- **West Somerset** – Cllrs Martin Dewdney, Brenda Maitland-Walker

Agenda, papers and reports for SWB meetings are available [online](#).

Information on SWP services

The main source of advice and information on SWP services is www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

Customer service helplines for all partner authorities can assist with service enquiries.

SWP publishes the Sorted monthly e-zine (sign-up on the website) and posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

