

Somerset Waste Partnership

Briefing for Members, Partners and Staff

Late May 2020 - Recycling Sites Update



Recycling sites network reopens

All 16 recycling sites will reopen after the Bank Holiday weekend.

Eleven sites reopened earlier this month and the remaining five - Cheddar, Crewkerne, Castle Cary, Minehead, Somerton - will also operate from Tuesday 26 May on temporary timetables, with the aim of returning to standard hours ASAP.

SWP wants people to only visit if really necessary. Long queues are expected as the number of unloading bays has been halved for social distancing. Restrictions on access, vehicles and materials remain.

Opening arrangements for next week only, Monday 25 May to Sunday 31 May, are as follows, with a review of timetables before Monday 1 June.

Nine recycling sites - Bridgwater, Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Street, Taunton, Wellington, Wells, Yeovil - are open six days a week:

- Monday (including Bank Holiday), Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9am-6pm
- Saturday, Sunday - 9am-4pm
- Thursday - CLOSED

The other seven sites are also open Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm, and on a varied weekday schedule.

Bank Holiday Monday 9am-6pm: Ten sites open. Castle Cary, Cheddar, Crewkerne, Dulverton, Minehead, Somerton closed.

Tuesday 26 May 9am-6pm: 15 sites open. Dulverton closed.

Wednesday 27 May 9am-6pm: Ten sites open. Castle Cary, Cheddar, Crewkerne, Dulverton, Somerton, Williton closed.

Thursday 28 May: ALL CLOSED

Friday 29 May 9am-6pm: Ten sites open. Castle Cary, Cheddar, Crewkerne, Dulverton, Somerton, Williton closed.

Saturday-Sunday 30-31 May 9am-4pm: all 16 sites open.

For all 16 sites, **the odd-even number plate system continues:**

- Odd (01, 03, 29 etc) - Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays only
- Even (10, 20, 36 etc)- Tuesdays, Fridays, Sundays only

All other restrictions remain:

- Gloves to be worn outside vehicles
- Maximum two people per household
- Strict social distancing
- Site staff cannot offer manual assistance with heavy items

- No people with COVID-19 symptoms, or those asked to shield
- No 3.5 tonne vans or trailers except 4pm-6pm weekdays
- Permits system still applies; no vans over 3.5 tonnes, no double-axle trailers, no vans, pick-ups, motorhomes or minibuses towing trailers at any time
- No pedestrian or bicycle access

Only these materials will be taken:

- Black sack rubbish (landfilled in Somerset)
- Bulky items, such as furniture (landfilled in Somerset)
- Garden waste (composted in Somerset)
- Large electricals, such as cookers, fridges, TVs (recycled in UK)
- Household hazardous waste, such as solvents, garden chemicals, paint thinners and antifreeze (treated and disposed of in UK)
- Cooking and engine oils in disposable containers; maximum size five litres (recycled in UK)
- Metals (recycled in UK)

Not taken unless essential (will be landfilled):

- Anything recycled kerbside - food, card, paper, cans, glass bottles and jars, foil, aerosols, plastic bottles
- Textiles, clothes, shoes (not collected kerbside temporarily)
- Wood, small electrical items
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays, Tetra Paks, other beverage cartons

Not taken until further notice:

- Anything involving payment - hardcore, soil, tyres, gas bottles or vehicle parts
 - Commercial waste
 - Asbestos or plasterboard
- (Compost is not available to buy)

Check Q-cams for Bridgwater, Chard, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton, Wells, Yeovil:
somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-centre-queue-cams/

Bank Holiday kerbside collections

No collections on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May mean one-day-later collections all week, including Friday's collections on Saturday 30 May.

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each of five partner councils, including the portfolio holder for environment: **Mendip** Cllrs Tom Ronan, Matthew Martin; **Sedgemoor** Cllrs Janet Keen, Andrew Gilling; **Somerset County** Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); **Somerset West and Taunton** Cllrs Federica Smith-Roberts, David Mansell; **South Somerset** Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB's agendas and papers: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

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