



SORTED! e-newsletter **Late May 2020**



is changing for recycling sites and kerbside collections

Having restarted all kerbside collections and reopened 11 recycling sites, Somerset Waste Partnership is bringing back into operation a further five sites from Tuesday 26 May.

All 16 recycling sites will be functioning under a range of restrictions to maintain social distancing and keep all users and staff safe - see all the details below of the week's timetable and operations.

And Monday's Bank Holiday will mean one-day-later kerbside collections all next week, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 30 May.

More information below, including where to find the Q-cams showing the delays at site gates, and the latest on COVID-19 and how to stay safe with waste.



Recycling site opening hours

Week beginning Monday 25 May  Somerset Waste Partnership

		Chard	Cheddar	Crewkerne	Dimmer (Castle Cary)	Dulcote (Wells)	Dulverton	Frome	Highbridge
Temporary Site Opening Pattern week beginning 25 May	Monday	9am to 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Tuesday	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Wednesday	9am to 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Thursday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Friday	9am to 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Saturday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
	Sunday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
	Total Hours	50	23	23	23	50	14	50	50

		Minehead	Poole (Wellington)	Priorswood (Taunton)	Saltlands (Bridgwater)	Somerton	Street	Williton	Yeovil
Temporary Site Opening Pattern week beginning 25 May	Monday	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Tuesday	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm
	Wednesday	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm
	Thursday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Friday	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm	Closed	9am to 6pm
	Saturday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
	Sunday	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
	Total Hours	41	50	50	50	23	50	32	50

All 16 recycling sites 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 (and in the timetable above). The schedules will be reviewed before Monday 1 June.

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

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

The other seven sites are also open Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm this weekend and next weekend, 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.

At all 16 sites, the **odd-even number plate system continues (see graphic, below):**

- 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 (and what will happen to them):

- 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
- (Note: Compost is not available to buy)

Recycling sites

Number plates ending with **odd** numbers
one, three, five, seven and **nine**
allowed on the days shown below

Number plates ending with even numbers
zero, two, four, six and **eight**
allowed on the days shown below

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	All sites closed	Even



Bank Holiday kerbside collections: all one day later

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

Note: many garden waste days have changed - [check these by signing up for a "My Account" online here](#) - but there are no changes to recycling or rubbish dates. We are sorting out a minor IT glitch on some online waste calendars.



Eight recycling sites have Q-cams to check the traffic at the gates

You can [check here for the Q-cams](#) for Bridgwater, Chard, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton, Wells and Yeovil.



It's time to clean your bin handles

Keep your community and your crews safe

The Government has provided guidance on how to dispose of personal waste, like tissues and disposable cleaning cloths, if you have coronavirus symptoms.

The guidance is for anyone with symptoms, including those diagnosed with the infection who must remain at home until they are well. It also applies to people in households with someone showing symptoms (a new, continuous cough and/or high temperature) that may be caused by coronavirus.

Personal waste, such as tissues, disposable cleaning cloths, face masks and gloves, should be stored securely in disposable rubbish bags. These should then be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste within your home. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual rubbish outside your house, which will be collected as part of the usual fortnightly collections. Other household waste can be disposed of as usual.

Full guidance for people staying at home because of confirmed or possible infection can be found on [the Government's website here](#).

Before putting waste containers out for collection and after taking them back in, please wash hands and disinfect container handles. Please maintain social distance from all waste staff.

More on Somerset Waste Partnership, our services and preventing waste

See our website for lots more information on waste and recycling services and what more you can do to reduce, reuse and recycle. Contact your [local council customer services](#) helpline if you need assistance with our services.

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