

Somerset Waste Webinar 14th April 2021

An interesting meeting outlining the role out of the new waste collection services which start from 28th June 2021.

SSW have already sent a briefing pack which should now have been seen by all PC members. PC's are asked to get the message out to the local communities as soon as possible so that the population are aware of the changes and how they will be affected by them, prior to roll out. Communication in the form of posters etc will be sent to PC's. More information for everyone can be found at: - www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more

The main changes are:-

- 3 weekly collection of non- recyclable waste instead of 2
- Recycling collection boxes: black, green, & kitchen waste will still be used, but a bright blue bag will be added to these.
- New routes and collection days will affect most people.
- MORE items will now be recycled.
- Sticky Labels will be given to all households to be attached to existing boxes as a reminder as to what goes in each box.
- Extra collection boxes/bins/bags can be ordered.
- NO changes to garden waste collections for those who subscribe to this service,
- Changes will also be made for those living in flats with communal collection bins.
- Information about items that CANNOT be collected will also be forthcoming.
- Lids will not need to be removed from plastic bottles and jars, though it is important that these items are cleaned prior to disposal.
- Black box: paper & cardboard
- Green box: glass, tetra packs
- Batteries and electricals to be put into carrier bags
- Blue bag: all the rest, plastic, foil, tubs, trays, etc
- All homes will receive a collection day calendar outlining when items will be collected from them

The following items will now be collected: batteries; tetra packs/boxes; small electrics (such as irons/toasters etc); plastic meat trays (any colour); tubs (yoghurt, cream etc).

A bright blue foldable bag will be delivered to all. This holds 60 litres, but folds flat when not in use. It has a weighted base and a fastening on top. Each PC will be sent 2 bags for 2 members to do trial runs. I have volunteered for one of these already. This trial will not require the bag to be put out for the collection services at the moment, but it will help to understand how much more will be recycled each week. At the end of the week, those running the trial should re-locate their collection to the existing collection boxes for removal by the refuse team as usual.

PC's are asked to advise the community that items that cannot be collected may be collected by other organisations e.g. some supermarkets already offer the recycling of plastic carrier bags and plastic film in their stores.

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