

Carve with care ... eat with gusto



and recycle anything left over
(home compost or all in your food waste bin)

Waste less and stay safe this autumn

With Halloween this month, make the most of pumpkin seeds and flesh for tasty treats, from pies to toasted snacks.

Great recipes from campaigners Hubbub here: [hubbub.org.uk/how-to-eat-pumpkin](https://www.hubbub.org.uk/how-to-eat-pumpkin). For trick-or-treat, save money with healthier home-made options, instead of shop sweets. Find free recipes from the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign at [lovefoodhatewaste.com](https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com). And when your grinning gourd ghoul is past its prime, give it the chop and add to your compost bin or food waste.

Cut the cost of All Hallows' Eve, boost the fun for kids and have less waste in your rubbish bin by avoiding single-use plastic supermarket products. Instead, make spooktastic costumes from old clothes, sheets, cardboard boxes and more (and recycle them later).

On 5 November, handle fireworks and bonfires with care to avoid a bin blaze. Drench embers and soak spent fireworks before adding to your rubbish. Soak misfired fireworks and contact the supplier for guidance on disposal.

Keep It! Advice for Taunton Deane

Key Recycle More details hit Taunton Deane doormats from 11 October. Each orange and blue leaflet has a one-year collection calendar specific to that address. That is vital to keep as about half of homes will have a new collection day when the expanded service launches at the start of November.

It is essential that residents keep this leaflet safe for future reference.

It gives that home's first Recycle More date - the earliest residents should put out the extra materials and use the new

Bright Blue Bag - and whether their home will have a one-off extra rubbish pick-up before Recycle More starts. What materials go where changes with Recycle More, so the leaflet includes a simple, colour-coded diagram.

Join Recycle More Q&A sessions on the **@somersetwaste** Facebook page:

- Monday 18 October 7-8pm
- Friday 5 November 7-8am

For all the details of Recycle More: **somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more**

Waste less time, do more online

Via My Waste Services 24/7 at **somersetwaste.gov.uk**, you can:

- Order any recycle container free
- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard
- Order paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Get recycle site van/trailer permit
- Send comments about services

Keep on trucking - how to help

Given the continuing LGV driver shortage and ongoing Covid threat to services, every resident can help maintain collections:

- Use only the official boxes, bins and bags - order them via My Waste Services at **somersetwaste.gov.uk**.
- Check what is collected kerbside: **somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections**.
- Take any excess recycling, especially cardboard, or rubbish to any recycle site.
- Live in Taunton Deane? Get ready: **somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more/**
- Help others to recycle, especially those older or vulnerable.

Report any missed collection after 7pm on the due day using My Waste Service at **somersetwaste.gov.uk**. We aim to return for any reported missed collection within two working days.

Don't forget: winter recycle site hours

Recycle sites are now on their winter timetables: weekends 9am-4pm and, when open, weekdays 9am-5pm.

And finally ... clocks back 31 October

Clocks go back one hour at 2am on Sunday 31 October; great time to check smoke and other alarms, batteries, bulbs, plugs and even - get ahead - the Christmas lights. All electrical items, batteries and bulbs with unbroken glass can be dropped off at any recycle site. Got a Recycle More collection? All batteries and small electrical items can go in bags - not black rubbish sacks - on top of your kerbside recycling.

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each partner council: **Mendip** Cllrs Peter Goater, Tom Ronan; **Sedgemoor** Cllrs Andrew Gilling, Janet Keen; **Somerset County** Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); **Somerset West and Taunton** Cllrs David Mansell, Andrew Sully; **South Somerset** Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB agendas: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

somersetwaste.gov.uk for advice and ezine sign-up. Follow **@Somersetwaste** on social media. SWP manages waste services for all Somerset councils.