



**Somerset
Council**

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Waste news



April 2026

Latest news

Easter bank holiday collections



Remember, collections are a day later this week.

Following the Easter bank holiday weekend, collections will be a day later for the rest of the week.

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 6 April	Tuesday 7 April
Tuesday 7 April	Wednesday 8 April
Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April
Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
Friday 10 April	Saturday 11 April

To help crews speed up collections, please put your boxes, bags and bins out by 7am on the day of collection, or the night before.

With waste collections a day later a higher volume of waste is likely. Squashing, crushing and flattening waste can help to reduce the number of trips that teams need to make to empty their trucks, as well as creating more space in your containers.

Is it time to renew your Garden Waste subscription?



Many subscribers to our garden waste collection service will soon receive their renewal notice. However, there's no need to wait for your notification as subscriptions can be renewed at any time for the following year.

The simplest way to renew your subscription is online, visit our [garden waste collection webpage](#).

You can also follow the link to check when your subscription is due, or sign up as a new subscriber.

If you provide an email address, we'll email you a renewal notice at least one month before your subscription ends.

Carymoor Environmental Trust turns 30



Somerset-based environmental charity [Carymoor Environmental Trust](#) is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2026, marking 3 decades of environmental education, conservation and community action.

[Read more](#)

Reuse

Supporting Community Growing: Compost for Polden Environmental Network



During March [CAG Somerset](#) was delighted to link up with Karen from the Polden Environmental Network (PEN) to help boost their summer wildlife friendly plant giveaway.

Karen collected 10 bags of 40 litre compost, generously gifted by our Recycling Site contractor, Biffa. This compost will help PEN grow healthy, wildlife-friendly plants that will be shared with the community over the coming months, to make a difference to their 10 mile long wildlife corridor!

It was a small piece of support, but one that will make a big difference to a brilliant local initiative encouraging people to garden for nature. Make sure you look out for their PEN stall at village events.

A big thankyou to Biffa for their support and for making resources like this available to community groups across Somerset.

Here's to more community growing, more pollinator friendly planting, and more groups helping nature thrive!

Did you know, you can see exactly what happens to your recycling in Somerset?



We're often asked what happens to the recycling that's collected every week. Did you know that every autumn we publish a **recycling tracker** that shows what happens to the materials we collect?

[Find out more](#)

Get it sorted!

Be a good egg and recycle your Easter packaging!

If you're still making your way through your Easter treat, remember that almost all Easter egg packaging can be recycled in your weekly kerbside collection.

- Cardboard box – flatten and add to your black recycling box.
- Aluminium foil – scrunch and put into your bright blue bag.
- Plastic insert – into your bright blue Bag.

Not yet recyclable at the kerbside or our recycling sites, are chocolate bar and sweet wrappers made



from plastic film, plastic bags and plastic-foil pouches, plastic 'windows' in boxes, and similar thin soft plastic film.

Many of these plastics can be dropped off at supermarkets and some are taken in TerraCycle recycling schemes. Please check where you shop or have a look at the Council's guide to supermarket and TerraCycle.

[Recycling info](#)

What to do if you have Easter leftovers

Easter is a time for sharing good food with family and friends – but it can also mean ending up with more leftovers than you expected. The good news is that with a little creativity, Easter leftovers can be turned into easy, tasty meals instead of going to waste.



[Read more](#)

Recycling Sites have now moved to summer opening hours

All sites will remain open from 9am to 4pm on weekends. Midweek, Recycling Sites are now open until 6pm.

Opening days vary from site to site, check online before you visit.



[Recycling Sites](#)



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