

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Usual	JUNE	Revised
Thursday 2		Saturday 4
Friday 3		Monday 6
Monday 6		Tuesday 7
Tuesday 7		Wednesday 8
Wednesday 8		Thursday 9
Thursday 9		Friday 10
Friday 10		Saturday 11



Rely not on jubilation inspiration ...

Instead, check all the Queen's Platinum Jubilee collection changes as two bank holidays mean all waste pick-ups - recycle, rubbish, garden - shift over nine days, with Saturday collections twice.

There are no pick-ups on Thursday 2 June or Friday 3 June. Thursday's collections are on Saturday 4 June, Friday's move to Monday 6 June, and that week's collections are then one day later, including pick-ups due on Friday happening on Saturday 11 June.

Do check if any changes could cut across your Platinum plans or if a waste truck could become part of - or hold up - your Jubilee parade or street party. PS: Easy to check, print, download and add to your smart device all your kerbside collection days via My Collection Day at somersetwaste.gov.uk.

... and make no mess for Her Majesty

Top tips for low-waste celebrations:

- Share food and drink, avoid gluts.
- Less packaging and cook from scratch.
- Plan, then write a shopping list.
- Let people serve themselves.
- Think ahead for freezer-fridge space.
- No to single-use plastic cutlery, plates.
- Paper or cloth decorations, not plastic.
- Help people take home any leftovers...
- ... and take away recyclables, rubbish.

Need more helpful hints? Check Street Party streetparty.org.uk and Party Kit Network partykitnetwork.org/post/how-to-plan-a-jubilee-street-party.

PS: Planning a barbecue or bonfire? Stop rubbish bin fires threatening your home and family. It is easy: drench ash and coals before adding them to your rubbish, or let them cool completely. somersetwaste.gov.uk/slider/binblaze.

Hitting the road to repair

Working alongside Somerset's repair groups, the new Fixy van is on the road, visiting events, schools and businesses to promote reuse, support repair cafes with tools and a PAT – portable appliance testing – safety service, encourage volunteers to get involved, and collect smart tech to pass on.

With average households holding on to 20 unwanted electricals, Fixy's first year is dedicated to giving anything with a plug or batteries a new lease of life if it stops working, and helping people to get things mended rather than discarding or recycling them.

Recycling is good; reuse is even better, and it is often easy to fix things, saving money, materials and energy. **Why not love your stuff for longer?**

Where's Fixy? Latest events

Come to see Fixy and donate your tech:

- Sat25Jun 10am-4pm –EnviroFair22, The Williams Hall, Dark Lane, Stoke St Gregory TA3 6EU.
- Sat9Jul – Bishops Hull Repair Café at Bishops Hull Hub TA1 5EB.
- Sat16Jul – Ecofair Yeovil, Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road BA20 2DU.

For all things Fixy, including its updated itinerary: somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy.

Can you help fix Somerset?

Somerset's growing network of repair groups needs new volunteers. Can you donate your skills and time? Key tasks include fixing items, coordinating, cake baking, publicity and more. Whatever your skills and interests, do get in touch.

Volunteering with a repair group is enjoyable and offers many benefits:

- Acquire new skills and confidence.
- Gain satisfaction and achievement.
- Help create a more sustainable world.
- Meet like-minded people in your area.

More: somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy.

Order soon: renew garden waste

Garden waste renewal reminders are going out by email (check spam folder) and post. Subscriptions, extended in 2021 by Covid disruption, have had their cost frozen; a single 180-litre bin service is still £57.20. A 10-pack of 90-litre garden waste sacks is still £28.30. Always best to renew - or apply at any time - online via My Waste Services at somersetwaste.gov.uk.

Buy now: bargain compost bin

We work with getcomposting.com to offer Somerset residents great deals. Save with a 220-litre bin for just £13.00. Save again with buy-one-get-one-half-price. Save once more with £6.99 delivery per order. Smart gardeners order two and share delivery with a friend, neighbour or family member.

Better collections from flats

Letters are being sent to Sedgemoor and West Somerset householders with communal recycle pick-ups about changes to improve the range of materials taken. Details of changes depend on the space available inside and outside homes at each location.

Somerset Waste Board

Agendas, reports: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board.