

RECYCLING SITE CLOSURES & GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SUSPENSIONS

Somerset Waste Partnership & Coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Advice and service updates

UPDATE: Due to the large number of users at recycling sites, it has been impossible to maintain the required social distancing to ensure the safety of both our teams and users of the facilities. In order to protect members of the public and employees, all 16 recycling sites will be closed until they can be operated safely. In the meantime, it is strongly recommended that everyone should follow the Government advice and stay at home.

PLUS: Garden waste collections suspended – details below.

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

Service updates

We are working hard with our contractors and partners, but the Coronavirus will unfortunately have an impact on services as staffing levels are affected. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

All garden waste collections will be suspended on Monday (23 March) until further notice. This is happening at a time when subscriptions are being renewed and to make sure customers don't lose out, SWP is extending all subscriptions to take account of the disruption, however long it lasts So, if disruption continues until the end of

April 2020, annual subscriptions will last until the end of April 2021.

Other service disruption:

- Suspended – requests for bins, recycling boxes and food waste caddies. Teams will try to deliver those already ordered, but no new requests will be accepted for the time being.
- Suspended – Bulky waste collections that involve going inside properties. Standard bulky waste collection service continues at present.
- Paused – Slim My Waste, Feed My Face campaign has been paused. This is so support staff are available for priority work. A decision on delivering the campaign to the remaining areas of Sedgemoor and West Somerset will be taken at a later date.

Source: Somerset Waste Partnership

Date: Monday 23rd March 2020

****PLEASE DISPOSE OF WASTE RESPONSIBLY****