

Happy Christmas and Best wishes for New Year

Keep your eyes open for SWP adverts in local papers advising every one of revised festive kerbside collection dates. These have been placed the week before Christmas. Alternatively, visit our [collection days & bank holidays](#) page to view collection dates or download a copy of the 2015 bank holiday revised collections poster.

Please remember that garden waste collections will not take place Monday 28 December – Friday 8 January, resuming from Monday 11 January 2015 on usual days.

Dispose of decoration-free natural Christmas trees by taking them to a recycling centre for composting. If you are a garden waste collection subscriber, natural trees under 6ft can be put out with garden waste collections for composting from 11 January. We will pick up natural Christmas trees for landfill disposal on usual collection days during 4 - 15 January 2016.

[Recycling Centres](#) will open throughout the holidays on usual schedules except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, when all sites close.

All collections are back to usual from Monday 11 January.

Finally, SWP is posting festive waste advice tips and ideas throughout December and into the New Year. Do share your festive waste ideas with us via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Winter weather advice

Snow, ice and floods can disrupt waste collections. In the event of severe weather, we apply a number of collection principles, which are available from a link on our [Bad weather page](#).

We will do our best to maintain services if this can be done safely. In general this means collections from gritted roads or those assessed as safe by the collection vehicle driver.

During severe weather, garden and bulky waste collection services may be suspended without notice to help maintain main services.

Check for weather-related updates on the [website](#), [SWP Facebook page](#) or [SWP Twitter feed](#).

Somerset's Compost Pledge prize draw winners

Four local gardeners are celebrating after winning a Compost Pledge prize draw designed to promote home composting in Somerset. The Compost Champion scheme is administered by the [Carymoor Environmental Trust](#) on behalf of Somerset Waste Partnership.

This scheme encourages residents to home compost their waste, thus cutting down waste sent to landfill, which would save every council tax payer money, and converts garden waste into a free soil improver that makes for better gardening. For more information, see: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/more/composting

#Our Day tweetathon

SWP joined many local authorities during the annual #Our Day twitterthon, held on 18 November. This day-long event enables local authorities via [Twitter](#) to explain and showcase some of the activities they do during the course of an average day.

Along with local authorities across Somerset, SWP promoted kerbside collections, facilities available at recycling centres and highlighted our waste reduction and reuse initiatives.

Latest media releases

Media releases from SWP in the last month included:

- [Xmas Collection Changes, Food Facts And Waste Advice](#)
- [What to do in windy weather](#)
- [Rubbish bin food sticker alert](#)
- [Recycle site blood or crime risks](#)
- [‘Thin film’ plastic latest material to get waste trial](#)

Somerset Waste Board

SWP is the executive arm of SWB, which consists of two members nominated by each of the six partner councils in Somerset, one of which must be the portfolio holder for waste and/or the environment.

The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected at the AGM from the Board's membership.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday 18 December 2015.

For details of SWP, SWB and our services: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

SWB membership by council is:

- **Mendip** – Cllrs Nigel Woollcombe-Adams (Vice Chair), Terry Napper
- **Sedgemoor** – Cllrs Dawn Hill, Gill Slocombe
- **Somerset County** – Cllrs Derek Yeomans (Chair), David Hall
- **South Somerset** – Cllrs Jo Roundell Greene, Angie Singleton
- **Taunton Deane Borough** – Cllr Patrick Berry, Steve Ross
- **West Somerset** – Cllrs Martin Dewdney, Brenda Maitland-Walker

Agenda, papers and reports for SWB meetings are available [online](#).

Information on SWP services

The main source of advice and information on SWP services is www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

Customer service helplines for all partner authorities can assist with service enquiries.

SWP publishes a monthly e-zine (sign-up on our website) and posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

