

Briefing note

Recycling in South Gloucestershire will be easier and simpler.

Recycle everything, every week

A simplified recycling service with weekly collections for paper, cardboard, plastics, cans, cartons and glass will be introduced this summer, making recycling easier for residents. The weekly food service will continue and residents can continue to use plastic bags to line the food bin.

New Vehicles

New single pass vehicles will replace the current two vehicle system. The new 'Romaquips' can collect all recycling in one go and have a longer life span than our current vehicles. By using these vehicles, we can deliver weekly recycling for the same cost as the old two vehicle fortnightly service.



The old vehicles will be sold and the revenue used to help fund the new vehicles.

Containers

Residents will still need to sort their recycling for collection but can choose to use their existing containers or green boxes instead of bags for plastics and cardboard. The weekly collections will mean that there is less recycling for residents to store at home over two weeks, whilst encouraging more people to use the service.

Option 1 Group items together using boxes instead of bags. You can continue to use your green paper recycling bag with this option. However replacement paper bags will not be available.



Option 2 Group items together using your current bags and boxes.



Additional green boxes will be made available.

Smaller Bins

Once weekly recycling has been established, the current 240 litre black bins for non-recyclable household waste will be swapped for smaller 140 litre bins. This change is being made to encourage more recycling as we know the average contents of the old black bins contains 52% of recyclable material that could have been recycled using the kerbside service.

Many of the old 240 litre bins are also reaching the end of their life and we are taking this opportunity to replace them all. The old bins will be collected and sold for onward processing where the plastic will be recycled into new recycling boxes.

Households with extra needs

Some households already have authorised extra capacity for black bins and they will continue to receive an extra capacity service which will be reviewed every year.

We have been checking extra black bins, assisted collections and medical and clinical waste collections to make sure that our information is up to date to ensure continued support.

We are asking that any households with extra needs, who have managed with a 240 litre bin, but are worried that they will struggle with a smaller one to contact us so we can make sure the right support is provided before we change their bin.

Families with children in nappies

Households with children under 5 in nappies who are struggling with the black bin can use our nappy bag collection service. They will be supplied with a roll of purple sacks for nappy waste which they can put out next the black bin on collection day. The service means that there will be more space in the black bin for these families to dispose of normal non-recyclable household waste.

We are also helping families who wish to change to reusable nappies with our, “Happy Nappies” scheme, where they can buy discounted reusable nappy kits for £128 (they normally retail at £250).

General support to households

Any household struggling with a smaller bin will be provided with support to help them recycle and manage their waste. Extra capacity bins can be provided where there is a genuine need as long as residents applying for the extra bin are recycling everything they can including their food waste.

Will resident’s collection day change?

The collection routes will have to change as we will be providing weekly recycling. However, households experiencing a change in collection day have been kept to a minimum, with only approximately 6,000 changing schedule. Any household waiting for a black bin collection for more than two days longer than the normal fortnight will be given an interim collection.

Communications

A comprehensive communication campaign is planned and will start around Easter and continue throughout the spring and summer. This will include:

- **Roadshows**, we are planning 50 roadshows throughout the authority between April and July 2017 (list attached).
- **Primary Schools**, we will send information packs and ask schools to distribute to all children so they can take home the information about the changes. We will also undertake pop up afterschool roadshows in rural areas for smaller schools.
- During May **bin hangers** will be distributed to every household on their black bins. The hangers will include service change information and collection days until the end of the year.
- **Service leaflets** will be available from One Stop Shops, libraries and Sort It recycling centres.
- **The council website, social media and electronic displays in libraries and One Stop Shops** will be used to widely promote the service changes
- **A press release will be planned for late May**

Parish and Town Councils

We recognise the importance of engaging with local parish and town councils and will be happy to attend any future meetings to discuss the new service. We have a short 10 minute presentation we can deliver and will be happy to answer any

questions. To invite a member of the waste team to one of your future meetings please email the team at waste.management@southglos.gov.uk.

We are also happy to attend any local events that you feel would be suitable for us to promote the service change. Please let us know the date and we will do our best to attend.

When will this all happen?

Weekly recycling will start on the 19 June 2017, with black bin replacement taking place later in the year.

The communication campaign will start around Easter and we are happy to attend any meetings or events from mid-April onwards.

List of Planned Roadshows

Date	Day	Time	Name of Venue
28.03.17	Tuesday	10am - 4pm	Willowbrook Centre - Bradley Stoke
30.03.17	Wednesday	9:30am - 4:30pm	Yate Shopping Centre
04.04.17	Tuesday	10am - 2pm	Wickwar high street
05.04.17	Wednesday	10am - 4pm	Thornbury Shopping Centre
11.04.17	Tuesday	3:30pm - 4pm	Bradley Stoke - Leisure Centre
12.04.17	Wednesday	1pm - 4pm	Kingswood - Leisure Centre
13.04.17	Thursday	10am - 3pm	Bitton Railway - The lawn
19.04.17	Wednesday	2:30pm - 4pm	Thornbury - Leisure Centre
20.04.17	Thursday	4pm - 5:30pm	Yate - Leisure Centre
20.05.17	Saturday	10am - 6pm	Waitrose - Chipping Sodbury
21.04.17	Friday	10am - 12pm	Longwell Green - Leisure Centre
22.04.17	Saturday	9:30am - 5pm	Kingswood Shopping Centre
25.04.17	Tuesday	10am - 2pm	Sainsburys - Downend
27.04.17	Thursday	10am - 2pm	Staple Hill High street
09.05.17	Tuesday	9:30am - 3pm	Patchway Library
10.05.17	Tuesday	10am - 2pm	Winterbourne High street
11.05.17	Thursday	2pm - 3pm	Hawkesbury - Primary School
17.05.17	Wednesday	2:30pm - 4pm	Horton Village Hall
18.05.17	Thursday	10am - 4pm	Tesco Express - Stoke Gifford
23.05.17	Thursday	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Totworth - Primary School
25.05.17	Thursday	All day and evening event	Landlord Expo - UWE
30.05.17	Tuesday	10am - 4pm	Bitton Railway - The lawn
05.06.17	Monday	10am - 4pm	Air Bus
06.06.17	Tuesday	9:30am - 4:30pm	Yate Shopping Centre
07.06.17	Wednesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Bitton - Primary School
14.06.17	Wednesday	9am - 4pm	Willowbrook Centre - Bradley Stoke
15.06.17	Thursday	10am - 2pm	Staple Hill High street

20.06.17	Tuesday	12pm - 4pm	Charfield Village Hall
21.06.17	Wednesday	9am - 4pm	Kingswood Shopping Centre
24.06.17	Saturday	All day	Armed Forces Day - Page Park
27.06.17	Tuesday	10am - 6pm	Waitrose - Chipping Sodbury
28.06.17	Wednesday	10am - 3:30pm	The Batch - Cadbury Heath
05.07.17	Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Marshfield - Primary School
11.07.17	Tuesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Oldbury-On-Severn - Primary School
12.07.17	Wednesday	10am - 3:30pm	Sainsburys - Downend
15.07.17	Saturday	10 am - 4:30pm	Cribbs Causeway
18.07.17	Tuesday	10am - 3:30pm	Tesco Express - Stoke Gifford
20.07.17	Thursday	10am - 2pm	Winterbourne High street

More Information

More information about the Waste Strategy including frequently asked questions about the changes is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/wastestrategy.

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