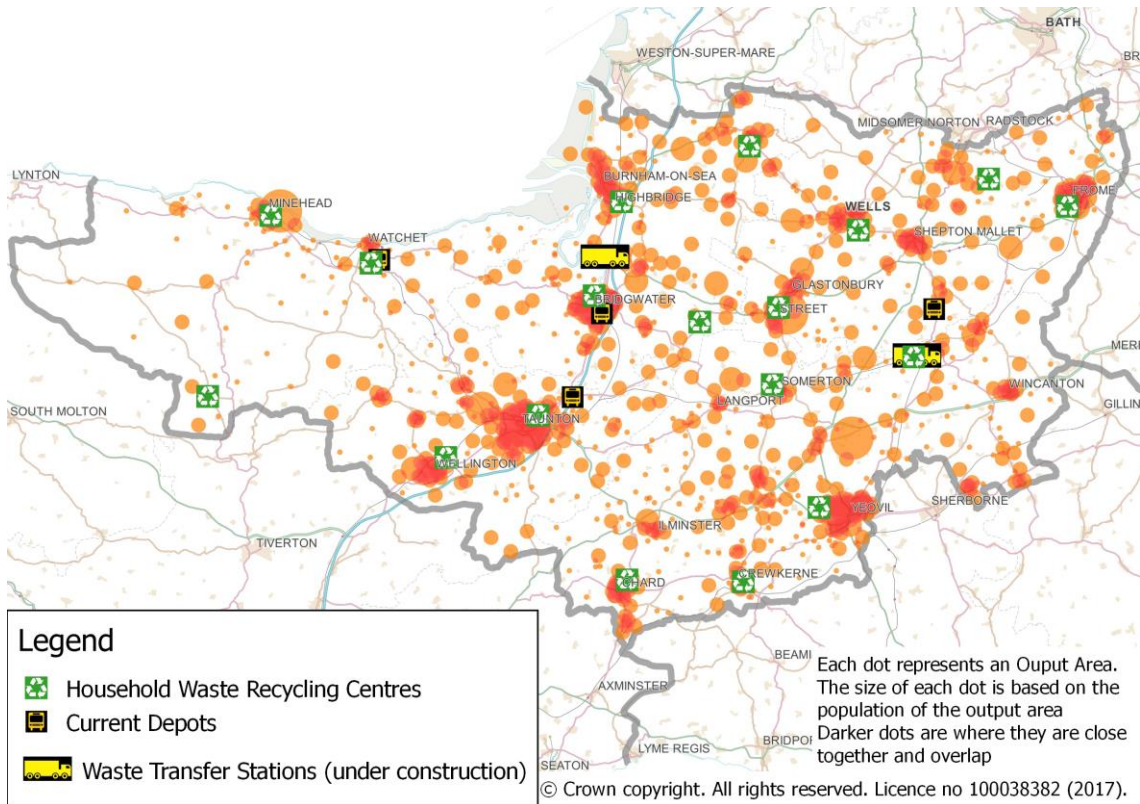


# Reopening Recycling Centres



**Sites open for ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS only:  
only come if it cannot be stored safely at home and  
no alternative options are available**

- Phased reopening from 11<sup>th</sup> May (11 sites)
- Opening hours for all 11 sites:
  - 9am - 6pm weekdays (all closed on Thursdays)
  - 9am – 4pm weekends
- Vehicles with an odd number plate (e.g. CP03 KHT) will be able to access sites on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- Vehicles with an even number plate (e.g. FL10 EXE) will be able to access sites on a Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.
- Social distancing measures will be in place on sites: fewer people will be able to access sites
- Measures are in place to manage traffic, but expect long queues

# Which sites will reopen when?

11 May: 11 sites		26 May: 5 sites
<b>Bridgwater (Saltlands)</b> <b>Dulverton</b> <b>Highbridge</b> <b>Street</b> <b>Wells (Dulcote)</b> <b>Yeovil</b>	<b>Chard</b> <b>Frome</b> <b>Priorswood (Taunton)</b> <b>Wellington (Poole)</b> <b>Williton</b>	<b>Cheddar</b> <b>Crewkerne</b> <b>Castle Cary (Dimmer)</b> <b>Minehead</b> <b>Somerton</b>

Opening hours		Number plate access	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	9am - 6pm	Mon, Weds & Sat	Odd numbers
Thursday	Closed	Tues, Fri & Sun	Even numbers
Saturday & Sunday	9am – 4pm	Thurs	All sites closed

# Restrictions on materials

Accepted	Not accepted	Don't bring unless essential
<p><b>Rubbish</b> - Material that cannot be recycled, including excess black bags, and bulky items like furniture.</p> <p><b>Green waste</b> – garden waste e.g. grass cuttings, leaves, hedge trimmings.</p> <p><b>Hazardous household chemicals</b> such as pesticides, weed killers &amp; insecticides.</p> <p><b>Large electrical items</b> – white goods, cookers, TVs etc.</p>	<p><b>Anything usually charged for</b> - tyres, gas bottles, soil &amp; hardcore, vehicle parts and commercial waste.</p> <p><b>Plasterboard &amp; Asbestos</b> - payment is usually in advance online, but we are temporarily unable to allow access to the skips.</p>	<p><b>Anything that could go in your weekly recycling</b> – such as cardboard, food and drink cans, paper and food waste. Kerbside collections of these materials continue.</p> <p><b>*Other recyclables</b> – including plastic pots, tubs and trays, wooden furniture, scrap metal, Tetra Pak cartons, small electrical items.</p>

**\* We cannot provide the full range of recycling service initially. These items will go to landfill so, if possible, please store at home until the sites are working as normal again.**

# Other changes at Recycling Centres



Social distancing: residents can only deposit waste in the area immediately adjacent to their car

- **Staff at the gates to control access:** 'one out, one in' system.
- **Traffic control measures** in place in immediate vicinity of the site
- **Abusive behaviour not tolerated** - will be referred to police. CCTV, number plate recognition and body cameras will be operating on site
- Anyone failing to observe **social distancing** will be asked to leave.
- **Queue cams** are available - at Bridgwater (Saltlands), Chard, Taunton (Priorswood) & Yeovil
- Opening dates & details publicised from Thursday, 7 May – communication with stakeholders prior to this.



# Garden Waste kerbside collections

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- **Kerbside collections restart on Monday 11th May**, supported by additional temporary staffing and vehicles.
- The extra staff and vehicles will help ensure that we can collect from all subscribers – but they will **NOT be able to collect**:
  - garden waste not in bins or pre-paid sacks,
  - from people not currently subscribed to the 2020/21 service,
  - Over-full or excessively heavy bins.
- There are more than 50,000 subscribers to the service and we have pledged that they will not lose out financially as a result of the disruption. **Therefore, current subscriptions will not expire until mid-May, 2021.**
- **People can subscribe online by visiting [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)** or contact their district council
- Subsidised home compost bins (£10 + postage) will be available via the SWP website. Special offer limited to 1,000 for Somerset residents.

**As per the letter with the 2020/21 sticker letter, collections days have changed. Subscribers can check theirs using 'My Bin Day' at [www.somersetwaste.org.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.org.uk)**