

Somerset Waste Partnership reference: 2016-95  
Enquiries regarding sizes of refuse bin and collection frequency  
Date of response: 02.07.2016

Dear XXX

I am writing regarding your recent request for information from Somerset Waste Partnership, which has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Somerset Waste Partnership is a partnership of Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

In response to your questions: -

1) Does your council use 240 litre bins, or a smaller size? If it's a smaller size, when did the changeover happen?

Since for the formation of Somerset Waste Partnership in 2007, the standard size refuse bin provided for a family of four is 180L. 240L wheeled bins were provided by one council, Mendip District Council, before the formation of Somerset Waste Partnership as their standard size refuse bin. These are now replaced by 180L bins where appropriate.

Through Somerset Waste Partnership, 240L bins are provided for households of 5-6 permanent residents. Smaller 140L refuse bins are available on request.

Since 2007, the standard size garden waste bin across Somerset is 180L.

2) Does your council collect waste weekly? If it's bi-weekly, or tri-weekly, when did the changeover happen?

Across the county, through the partnership, we provide weekly food waste and dry recycling collections, fortnightly refuse collections and an opt-in fortnightly garden waste collection.

For information on the services of Somerset Waste Partnership see [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail or if you wish to clarify the information given please contact me and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, or the information you have received, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

Please send your request to:

Peter Grogan  
Information Governance Team

Somerset County Council  
County Hall  
Taunton  
TA1 4DY or email [informationgovernance@Somerset.gov.uk](mailto:informationgovernance@Somerset.gov.uk)

An internal review will then be carried out and we will write to you with the results of our investigation. If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>) for an appeal: The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF      Tel: 0303 123 1113

Please quote the reference numbers at the top of this e-mail in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.

Yours sincerely