

Business Recycling Directory for Somerset



This directory is produced by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) which is the local authority teams managing household waste and recycling services on behalf of all councils in Somerset.



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Why Recycle?

Save money!

All waste sent to landfill is subject to landfill tax but you can avoid paying this by sending more of your waste for recycling. This tax is increasing every year and from 1 April 2018 will reach £88.95 per tonne. This tax is on top of your standard collection costs and so the cost of landfilling your rubbish is increasing each year. Recycling your waste is not subject to landfill tax so could save you money.

A study conducted by Envirowise discovered that waste management costs businesses of all sizes up to 4.5% of their turnover, with most of it hidden in labour, storage, energy and transport overheads, so it is worthwhile for businesses of all sizes to practice good waste management including waste prevention as well as reducing the amount of waste to be recycled/disposed of.

Environmental Benefits

Less waste in landfill frees up land for other uses and reduces the production of powerful greenhouse gases such as methane which is produced when biodegradable material is landfilled.

Recycling saves raw materials and energy. Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 15 watt low energy efficient bulb (equivalent to a 100 watt normal bulb) for 24 hours.

Purchasing fewer raw materials means less virgin resources are used, preserving the environment for future generations.

Public relations and the 'feel-good' factor

Illegal dumping or evading waste compliance could lead to prosecution and public disclosure of fines and/or prison sentence that could ruin your business' reputation.

Awareness of environmental issues is increasing and complying with recycling and proper waste disposal regulations gives a business an opportunity to promote their environmentally friendly practices to customers, could attract new business as well as helping in meeting their customers Corporate Social Responsibility requirements.

Things could be taken a step further, with recycling as a starting point to a wider environmental management system and gaining accreditation to schemes such as ISO14001 and BS 8555. These are internationally recognised commitments to environmentally aware business practices and are becoming increasingly powerful marketing aids for a business holding them.

Most of your employees will be recycling at home. Studies have shown that recycling is important to people who want to protect the environment, and so employees are increasingly looking to their employers to recycle their waste and 'do their bit'.

Reduce and reuse

When looking at your waste management activities, it is always important to see where you can reduce waste first, and then what waste can be re-used either by your business or by someone else.

- Tips to reduce waste include:
- Set your printers to automatically print on both sides, reducing paper waste
- Reuse scrap paper for notepads
- Use re-usable mugs rather than plastic or paper cups
- Refill printer cartridges
- Sign up to the mailing preference service to reduce

Once you have reduced your waste as much as possible, think about who may be able to reuse it.

Don't Dump it – Donate it!

Strong boxes and packaging material may be of use to people moving house, or someone who does a lot of online selling – why not offer them on an online waste exchange site.

Furniture and electrical items may be suitable for reuse – why not offer them to a local charity shop or furniture reuse group. Furniture reuse groups sell on donated furniture and electrical items to people on low or restricted incomes.

- Engage Furniture Reuse Project (Alcombe, Minehead) - 01643 707484
- FurnEquip (Glastonbury) - 01458 831188
- FurniCare (Yeovil) - 01935 433416
- Furnitrust (Taunton) - 01823 253053

See our website for more information on Furniture reuse groups visit <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/>

There are four scrap stores in Somerset, some of whom offer free collections from businesses of clean, safe, waste materials that would be suitable for art and craft projects such as paper, card, textiles, foil, leather, wool, foam, plastics etc – contact them to see if you are producing anything they can make use of.

- Clowns Scrapstore, Minehead, 01643 707190
- Children's Scrapstore, Taunton, 01823 331515
- Yeast Scrapstore, Glastonbury, 01458 832345
- Yeovil Scrapstore and Community Resource Service, 01935 422407

See our More you can do section for links to waste exchanges and local freecycle and freegle links.

<http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/>

The legal position

It is the responsibility of businesses to ensure that the waste they produce is correctly disposed of and the business should make sure that any contractor used is correctly licensed to handle that waste via the GOV.UK web site:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information>

Duty of care

All businesses, no matter what size, should have a trade waste agreement with a registered waste carrier or take their refuse to a site licensed to accept trade waste; they have a duty to ensure that any waste produced is handled safely and within the law. This is known as 'Duty of Care'. It applies to anyone who produces, imports, transports, stores, treats or disposes of waste from business or industry.

Businesses must ensure that:

- All waste is stored and disposed of responsibly
- Waste is only handled or dealt with by people or businesses that are authorised to do so or delivered to a site licensed to take it.
- Records are kept of all waste that is transferred or received for at least two years.

Pre treatment of wastes

Since October 2007 updated Landfill Regulations now mean that no commercial waste can be disposed of at landfill unless it can be demonstrated to have undergone a treatment process.

The simplest way to provide this treatment is to remove a proportion of the waste for re-use or recycling. This can be done at source by the business, or by your waste collection service provider. The latter of these methods may incur additional costs.

Disposing of your business waste

Businesses are not permitted to use the household facilities at Recycling Centres or Community Recycling Sites in Somerset but can use chargeable facilities at the following recycling centres:

Bridgwater (Saltlands), Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton (Priorswood), Wellington (Poole), Williton, and Yeovil.

Commercial site users are not required to apply for a van or trailer permit but must comply with the permit scheme regulations See <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk> for information.

Please contact site staff on arrival. For materials taken and price lists, see the latest version on the website.

Please note that if you are in the building or allied trades or are carrying waste on behalf of a third party you must hold a valid waste carrier's license, from the Environment Agency. These sites are particularly suitable for small traders such as builders, gardeners, and electricians.

Perry's Recycling Depots at Showground Road, Bridgwater and, Rimpton Road, Marston Magna accept the following materials: paper, cardboard, polythene, plastic bottles, cans and glass, free of charge if delivered in pre-sorted. Martock Waste also offer a similar service at their Martock Depot—please contact them for full details.

Other licensed waste transfer stations may also offer “self-tip” recycling facilities for small businesses. Please contact them for details of materials accepted, minimum tonnages and charges.

Hazardous waste

With ever-tightening laws on waste disposal, it is important that your bin does not contain anything that is deemed hazardous. Common wastes that are unsuitable for general disposal or recycling include:

- Aerosols and gas canisters
- Asbestos
- Batteries
- Electrical Appliances
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Fridges, freezers, air-conditioning units
- Hazardous/Toxic waste
- Liquids
- Medical Waste
- Mercury
- Oil, fuel and other automotive fluids
- Paints (including residues inside paint cans) and solvents
- Plasterboard
- Roofing felt containing bitumen
- Tyres



The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 places strict requirements on companies that produce such waste, how it is stored, who is able to collect it, what must be done to dispose of it legally and it also outlines what records must be kept. Please note that the above list is not definitive, for a full list of Hazardous items please refer to the regulations, available from the Environment Agency and NetRegs websites.

Top tips for making the most of your recycling

Location. If possible choose a contractor close to your business. The less distance the waste has to be transported, the less CO₂ is released into the atmosphere. Proximity to the contractor or if they already perform collections at a neighbouring businesses may also mean a lower quote for the service.

Segregate. If space allows have separate general waste and recycling bins throughout your business. This should remove temptation for people simply to mix everything in together for landfill, and will make things much easier when it comes to putting it into the correct wheeled bin or skip.

Flat Pack. If you take the time to flatten all the material going into your recycling bin you will be able to fit much more in. This may reduce the number of bins required and the need for it to be picked.

Reduce your bins. As you recycle more of your waste, there will be less material going into your general rubbish bins. It is important therefore to either reduce the number or size of bins you have or the frequency of collection, to ensure you are not paying for a service you no longer need.

Education. Making sure that everyone in the business is aware of any recycling system you set up will ensure its success. Could one of your staff be responsible for making sure waste is managed correctly? Having someone passionate on recycling to manage your business's waste could not only give them greater job satisfaction, but will also be an encouragement to other staff members to make sure the system runs smoothly.

Ask for information. Don't be afraid to ask your waste contractor to provide you with information about what happens to the waste you send for recycling. They should be able to provide you with the paperwork showing the final destination of your recyclables.

How to find a recycling contractor

Shop around. We recommend you contact a few service providers in order to find the best deal for your requirements. Even if you have a recycling scheme in place you may be able to find a more competitive price, so it's always worth checking every 12 months or so.

Group together. If your business produces only a small amount of recyclables you may find that the services currently available to your needs are very limited. If your property is rented could you group together with other businesses in the building or complex, and convince your landlord to provide a communal recycling service?

Search online. The following database provides a search facility for waste and recycling contractors operating throughout the UK but it is by no means a comprehensive listing.

www.wastedirectory.org.uk - searchable by postcode and material.

Alternatively, a number of companies offer recycling and refuse collections to businesses in the Somerset area. We do not recommend any particular supplier and recommend you shop around to find the service which suits you best.

Contractor	Materials accepted
Kier Environmental Services 0330 0415670	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, textiles, food waste, metals, WEEE. Refuse. Batteries, books, cables and wiring, cds, ink/toner cartridges, mobile phones, video tapes, shredded paper.
Viridor 01823 721400	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, textiles, wood, food waste, metals, hazardous waste, WEEE. Refuse Garden waste, fluorescent tubes, batteries, construction/demolition waste.
Biffa 0800 307307	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, metals, hazardous waste, WEEE. Refuse. Cans in dry mixed recycling service. Mixed metals – skip service only.
Bottleman 01297 21719	Paper, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, food waste. Mixed plastics, plate glass. NB: Food waste service only has limited coverage.
Byteback IT Solutions Ltd 0117 3706456	IT equipment recycling and data destruction.
Commercial Recycling 01749 361300	Builders waste, commercial waste, farm plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, metal, green waste, mixed plastics, wood waste, WEEE. Contact direct for full details.
Compare Skip Hire	Skip hire comparison website.
Devon Contract Waste 01392 361300	Clinical, sanitary, medical, sharps, confidential waste, food waste, glass bottle, green waste, hazardous waste, mixed commercial, Paper and cardboard, plastic recycling, WEEE.
DS Smith – Recycling Division 0800 7831831	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, textiles, wood, metals, hazardous waste, WEEE. Refuse. Dry mixed recycling collection now available.
J W Waste Recycling Ltd 01761 479444	Paper, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles. Refuse. Polythene acceptable either as a separate stream or in mixed recycling collections.
M&J Bowers 0800 0276255	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, textiles. Office clearance, secure document destruction on and off site. NB: cardboard only taken if paper contract in place.
Perry's Recycling 01935 850111	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, polythene film, rigid plastics, cans, plastic bottles, metals, wood, WEEE items, fluorescent tubes, batteries, vending cups, beverage cartons, glass bottles, printer cartridges. Provision of storage containers, balers and compactors available
Skip Hire Services 0203 7013804	Skip hire.
The Skip Company 03000 309978	Skip hire.
Stone – IT Asset Disposal 08448 22 11 22	IT equipment recycling and data destruction
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UK WEEE Recycling 01963 362020	Secure data destruction and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).
Veolia Environmental Services 0845 6060460	Paper, confidential waste, cardboard, container glass, food and drinks cans, food waste, plastic bottles, wood, metals, hazardous waste, WEEE. Refuse. Dry mixed recycling collection now available – paper/card/plastic/cans.
Wellington Waste Management 01823 664628	Paper, cardboard, container glass, food & drinks cans, plastic bottles, dry textiles, wood, metals, electronic equipment, general waste. See website for areas covered.

If you operate a recycling or refuse collection service to businesses and would like to be included above, please contact Somerset Waste Partnership by [email](#) or by calling 01823 625700.

Where to go for further advice:

WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme)

have a website with a wealth of waste and recycling information including:

- Business Resource Efficiency Hub
- Hospitality and Food Service Online Resource Centre
- On Course for Zero Waste (a free online training course for small and medium-sized enterprises and organisations)
- Rethink Waste (a free online resource efficiency training tool for manufacturers)
- The Rippleffect (a water efficiency support package for businesses).

0808 100 2040

www.wrap.org.uk

Environment Agency is the regulatory body ensuring the protection of the environment. They hold information on legislation and which companies have the relevant waste licences.

03708 506 506

<https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview>

GOV.UK provides practical advice for businesses on a wide range of topics including waste management and recycling.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/business/waste-environment>

NISP (National Industrial Symbiosis Programme) is an organisation that facilitates resource exchange across the UK.

0845 094 9501

<http://www.nispnetwork.com/>

Recycle More is a one-stop recycling information centre where it is possible to find information on recycling in the workplace. The site also provides information on where to find dedicated drop off sites for business waste electrical and electronic equipment.

0845 068 2572

<http://www.recycle-more.co.uk/nav/page519.aspx>

How SWP can help

SWP has a number of useful publications and further information available on our website to help you find a recycling contractor, service or disposal site that is right for your needs. If you are a contractor and would like your service to be considered for inclusion in the directory please contact us.

Contact us:

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E-mail: enquiries@somersetwaste.gov.uk

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