

Somerset Waste Partnership reference – 2018-19 - 175
Enquiries relating to – electrical appliances
Date of response: 21.02.2019

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 (SWP) 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.

I confirm we hold the information you request. In response to your questions: -

1) Are electrical appliances recycled or re-sold by Somerset Waste when collected from households or deposited at your recycling facility? (please specify) –

No electrical items are collected on the kerbside services apart from bulky waste collections where the resident pays the contractor to collect. Items taken to the recycling centres are recycled. No electrical items are sold from the recycling centres or from those collected as bulky waste.

2) How are they processed?

- a) They are recycled i.e. broken down into recyclable parts on-site or by a contractor off-site (please specify)
- b) They are recycled for re-use i.e. broken down into parts and re-used in other electrical products
- c) They are re-sold for re-use as a second hand electrical good for sale without being broken down
- d) Other – please specify

Our recycling centre contractor Viridor sends all items listed under the WEEE regulations to their registered WEEE compliant scheme. These reprocessors break the electrical items down into separate components. These parts are then baled and recycled accordingly.

3) Who processes them? (E.g. local authority, contractor, re-manufacturer, second hands retail store)

Our contractor Viridor has arrangements with Simms Metal, Somerset. J.C. Thomas & Sons, Somerset. MDJ Light Bros, (SP) Ltd, East Sussex. GH Newbery & Sons Ltd, Devon and Viridor's St Helens plant.

4) If re-sold, are the items checked for a) electrical hazards and / or b) if they are recalled electrical products prior to their sale? If so, who undertakes this task?

No electrical items are resold from Somerset sites or bulky waste collections.

5) Do you know where the electrical items are re-sold?

N/A

- a) Sold at a goods auction (please specify)
- b) Sold/given to a charity
- c) Sold to consumers directly (online/in person/at your recycling site) (please specify)
- d) Sold at a local market place
- e) Don't know
- f) Other – please specify

6) What advice is available to consumers from Somerset Waste on:

a) recycling of electrical goods and how they are disposed of (e.g. broken down etc). Please see <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/hazardous-waste/> and <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/end-use-register/>

b) resale of electrical goods (e.g. where they are sold)

N/A

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:

Lucy Wilkins
Information Governance Team
Somerset County Council
County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY or email 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