

Food waste recycling

Please share this message in any upcoming newsletters

Our Parish representatives play a vital role in sharing messages to our communities. We'd be grateful if you could share an update in any local newsletters that you may produce for your residents.

Food waste makes up a significant portion of household rubbish in Somerset, yet much of it can be recycled easily. By spreading the word, you're empowering everyone to take simple steps that can make a huge difference.

Newsletter update

Food Waste Recycling in Somerset

Thank you to everyone, Somerset residents are among the best for recycling in the country, but there's still more we can do.

Did you know that food waste makes up over 20% of the average Somerset family's rubbish bin by weight?

Somerset Council, working with SUEZ, launched a county-wide campaign to encourage all residents to recycle their food waste and help reduce what ends up in the bin. Around 7 of out 10 Somerset households already recycle food waste, but there's still more to do, and every little helps.

Recycling your food waste is easy and has real benefits for both our community and the environment. When you recycle food waste, it's collected weekly and turned into green electricity and fertiliser. In fact, just one recycled kitchen caddy of food waste can generate enough electricity to power a light bulb for 24 hours!

By making food waste recycling part of your weekly routine, you'll help Somerset save up to £1 million a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It's also a great way to cut down on smells, as food waste is taken away more frequently than general rubbish.

If you don't have a food waste caddy or need more information, it's simple to order one from Somerset Council. Visit the Council's website: www.somerset.gov.uk/order-bins.

Thank you for helping to make Somerset a cleaner, greener place to live. For more information, visit the Somerset Council website or look out for updates on social media: www.facebook.com/SomersetWaste.