Your Recycling & Waste Services

Recycling Collections
How your service works

Check your collection week online.

Recycling & brown bin collection week
- Blue sacks
- Clear sacks
- Brown bin

Grey bin collection week
- Grey bin

Recycling and composting is collected one week and non-recyclable waste the next.

Only waste which cannot be recycled or composted should be put in your grey bin.

Please put your containers at the kerbside by 7:00am on your collection day.

www.southhams.gov.uk for the South Hams
What goes where?

Your recycling sacks

Blue sack

- Newspapers and magazines.
- NEW Food and drink cartons.
- Envelopes and cards.
- Writing, shredded paper.
- Books, catalogues.
- Cardboard packaging.
- Corrugated card.

Clear sack

- No other plastics, including trays, yogurt pots, plastic bags and wraps.
- Food tins and drink cans.
- Empty aerosol cans and jar lids.
- Clean aluminium foil.
- Only plastic bottles (any colour).

Rinse cans, wash and squash plastic bottles.

Need more sacks?

Sacks are available from MOST town councils and the following outlets:

- Follaton House, Totnes.
- Watermark Centre, Ivybridge.
- Tourist Information Centre, Salcombe.
- Community Centre, Woolwell.

For further outlets or to order more sacks check online at www.southhams.gov.uk
Your food & garden waste collections

Brown bin

- Any cooked or uncooked food waste, including meat, fish and vegetable peelings.
- Garden waste - grass, hedge and plant cuttings, weeds, flowers, leaves and branches up to 10cm (4 inches) diameter.

- No cardboard.
- No plastics, soil or rubble.

Visit www.southhams.gov.uk to find outlets for compostable caddy liners, but remember wrapping food waste in newspaper is fine.

Grey bin

Non-recyclable waste ONLY.

Did you know ... on average 23% of the grey bin is food waste. Please use your food caddy and your brown bin.

A few properties cannot accommodate bins and may require seagull proof sacks for black sack storage. See online for details.

Missed collection?

Missed collections must be reported within 2 working days of the scheduled collection day. You can report it online at www.southhams.gov.uk
Other waste services

Bulky waste collection

Bulky furniture can be disposed of free of charge at household recycling centres. If you have unwanted furniture or electrical items which are suitable for reuse, contact ReFurnish Devon who can arrange a FREE collection. Items are tested, repaired and then sold at affordable prices to local people.

For more information please contact ReFurnish Devon on 01752 927002 or visit www.refurnish.org.uk

Bulky household items not suitable for reuse, which can be safely moved by one person, can be collected by the Council for a charge. To arrange visit www.southhams.gov.uk

Clinical Waste

We can collect high grade clinical waste. Check our website to see the difference between high grade and low grade waste at www.southhams.gov.uk

Commercial Waste

We can offer commercial waste collection for businesses within the South Hams.

Commercial waste collections are legally required for waste from self-catering accommodation.

For further information or to request a quote contact us at commercialwaste@southhams.gov.uk
Do it online at www.southhams.gov.uk

The quickest and easiest way to access your waste services is by using our website, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Order sacks, request a service or ask a question.
- Report a lost, stolen or damaged waste container.
- Check your collection day.
- Report a missed collection.
- Report full or damaged litter and dog bins.
- Order a bulky waste collection.
- Report fly tipping.
- Order recycling sacks, compost bin or water butt.
- Report an issue with a recycling bank.
- Report litter.

The quickest and easiest way to access your waste services is by using our website, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Recycling banks in the South Hams

There are over 128 recycling banks right across the district which accept a range of items for recycling. For details of your nearest recycling banks and the materials which can be recycled please check online.

These banks are monitored but if you notice they are full please let us know.

Scan the QR code on your smart phone or visit:

www.southhams.gov.uk

You can recycle all of these materials:

- Glass bottles & jars
- Newspapers & magazines
- Mixed textiles & clothes
- Food tins & drink cans
- Books & catalogues
- Cartons

Large coloured card and other plastics such as trays, yogurt pots and margarine tubs can be recycled at your household recycling centres.
Household Recycling Centres

Unwanted household items such as electrical goods, furniture, carpets and batteries can be taken to your local recycling centre.

**Totnes** – Babbage Road Industrial Estate, TQ9 5JA.

**Ivybridge** – Ermington Road, PL219ES.

**Kingsbridge** – Torr Quarry Industrial Estate, TQ9 7QQ.

**Opening Hours**

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Please note that these may be subject to change.

For further information about recycling centres please contact Devon County Council.

https://new.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/centre

What happens to my recycling?

- **Steel cans** → Port Talbot → automotive industry
- **Aluminium cans** → Cheshire → new cans
- **Newspapers, magazines** → Cheltenham → newsprint
- **Plastic bottles** → Loughborough → new drinks bottles and food packaging
- **Textiles** → Sherborne → sort/reuse in developing nations
- **Glass** → Sheffield → new bottles
- **Card** → Cheltenham → packaging
- **Food and garden** → Oxfordshire → compost
Reducing waste

Did you know ... The average family with children throws away almost £700 of food per year.

To waste less food and save money visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com. If you have a smartphone try the app!

Home composting
Composting at home using a bin or heap is the best option for the environment and the garden. For more information on how to start composting or to buy a discounted compost bin contact us or visit www.southhams.gov.uk

To find out more about community composting visit www.recycledevon.org/recycling-facilities-projects-community-groups

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