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New
red bag



household plastic
packaging



mixed glass
bottles & jars



mixed
paper & card



food waste



garden
waste



general
waste



household metal
packaging

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What is happening?

North Somerset Council is introducing a new recycling bag for plastic and metal.

You have been given a new, reusable red bag for recycling. Please use this as well as your existing recycling boxes.

Your new red bag is for recycling household plastic packaging such as bottles, pots, tubs and trays, as well as all household metal packaging such as tins, cans, foil and empty aerosols.

This makes recycling much easier. Plastic and cans go in the new red bag, with paper and cardboard in one recycling box and glass in the other box. There's no need to sort different materials in the same box, plus there's extra space for more recycling.



Your new red bag is:

- weighted to stop it blowing away
- bigger than your recycling boxes (90 litres capacity whereas boxes are 55 litres)
- secure with a Velcro strip across the top to help prevent litter.

Please write your house number or name in the space provided on your new red bag.

Why are we doing this?

Last year, residents told us that you would like more space for recycling and for it to be easier to sort your recycling.

Well-sorted recycling is better quality, which is worth more money to help cover the cost of collections and fund vital local services.

Later this year we'll be making other changes to recycling and waste collections. More information will be sent out before anything changes.

Find out more at
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/threeweekly

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Find out more...

Look out for the new North Somerset Council app – available to download from your app store in April.

Keep up to date with all things recycling and waste on our Facebook page **NSRecyclingandWaste**

Check out our recycling and waste webpages with lots more helpful information at **www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycle**

Get the latest news straight into your inbox. Stay up-to-date with council news, events and services by signing up to the monthly North Somerset Life email newsletter. Subscribe online and stay informed at **www.northsomersetlife.co.uk**



Check when your bins and boxes are collected at **www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycle**

When do we start using the red bag?

You should start using your new recycling bag straight away.

Put it out with your next recycling collection alongside your other recycling boxes. They will be emptied every week on your usual collection day.



Why a bag?

- Reusable recycling bags are used successfully in lots of other areas including Bristol and Somerset.
- Feedback from our waste consultation showed that lots of households want more recycling space, but some do not have space to store extra boxes.
- Recycling boxes are expensive for the council to buy and are easily damaged.
- The majority of participants in our trial recommended the bag is rolled out to all households.

Box 1



Boxes can be **green** or **black**

Box 2



New red bag





Emptied and rinsed. Lids should be removed and recycled with plastic and metal packaging.






Flatten and fold all cardboard, mix with paper and cartons, remove tape and any inserts.

Mixed together, loose. Emptied and rinsed. Remove film lids.

Weekly

-  glass bottles (all colours)
-  glass jars

Weekly

-  cartons and Tetra Paks
-  Cardboard boxes (flattened and folded)
-  newspapers and magazines
-  paper, junk mail and envelopes
-  greetings cards

Weekly

-  plastic drinks bottles
-  food pots, tubs and trays
-  cleaning product bottles
-  shampoo and beauty bottles, pots and toothpaste tubes
-  food tins
-  aluminium foil
-  drinks cans
-  aerosol cans (empty)
-  Aerosol cans (empty)

Look out for more information coming soon about how to recycle plastic bags and soft plastic wrapping.

Bag separately



Bag separately and tie loosely to keep dry. Place in the top of your glass box. No black bags.

Food waste



Bag or wrap all cooked and raw food waste. You can use any bag you have including bread bags and carrier bags.



Weekly

✓	small electrical items
✓	disposable vapes (bag separately)
✓	reusable vapes Important! Remove the battery first to prevent vehicle fires
✓	cables
✓	good quality clothes and paired shoes
✓	spectacles and sunglasses
✓	batteries



Weekly

✓	bread
✓	dairy
✓	fruit and vegetables
✓	leftovers
✓	egg shells
✓	tea bags and coffee grounds
✓	meat and bones
✓	fish

On collection day

Stack your recycling boxes with your food waste container either at the side or on top.

Close your red bag using the Velcro and put it out next to your boxes.

If you need an extra container please request this at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycle

Small amounts of extra plastic and metal packaging, paper and cardboard can be put in separate, loosely tied carrier bags and left for collection with your boxes.

X No thanks

X	plastic bags and wrapping
X	disposable cups
X	plant pots
X	saucepans
X	tissues
X	broken glass
X	wrapping paper
X	black plastic