

Somerset bin disruption expected through August due to 'overstretched services' across Somerset

Somerset's collection of recycling is due to be changed across August due to overstretched services. Crews work in 'bubbles' and increasing numbers are needing to self-isolate as the rate of Covid infections climb.

Faced with staffing pressures, crews have been trying to return within the usual two working days for missed weekly recycling collections. But that is now not possible, unless the collection was missed the week before, the organisation that oversees collections across the county has said.

From tomorrow (Monday, July 26) any missed recycling collections will not be returned for until your next collection day - unless you were missed the previous week.

Mickey Green, SWP Managing Director, said: "This isn't where we want to be, but these are national pressures affecting waste authorities around the country. "In this unprecedented situation, it's important that we manage people's expectations and be clear on what we can and cannot do.

"Unfortunately, that means a two-week gap between recycling collections for some, though we are doing what we can to minimise this. "Please bear with us, after an incredibly difficult last year or so your crews need your patience and support more than ever."

The service has also stopped taking additional sign-ups for its garden waste services, or orders for garden waste sacks. The service has more than 55,000 subscribers and the pause on new additions will avoid putting further pressure on overstretched services.

If your collection has been missed for more than the time above, you can report it [here](#).