

# Windy, wet or worse?

## What to do with your waste

Simple steps will help the collection of your recycling and rubbish during wet and windy weather in Somerset.

As always, the advice during bad weather is to leave refuse and recycling on the edge of your property by 7am (collection times can vary) and no earlier than the night before.

On very windy days, loose materials should be weighed down, such as by stacking boxes with the locked food waste container on top. If possible, put containers in a sheltered spot at the edge of your property where they can still be easily seen.

Alternatively, you could store items until your next collection, or take materials to a recycling site.

Collections usually continue until 4pm and may be later if weather delays crews. If put out correctly and your waste is not collected, contact your district council customer services to arrange a return collection.

Collection crews clear up materials they drop or spill and may be able to pick up items blown close to containers, but cannot collect those blown down the street.

Your waste remains your responsibility until it is collected. Please do all you can to avoid wind-blown material and report any serious litter problems to your district council customer services.

The only recycled materials for which extra care needs to be taken in rain are textiles, clothes, and shoes. To ensure they stay dry, textiles should be placed in bags (not black sacks) while shoes should be tied in pairs and bagged.