

# Temporary suspension of Garden Waste Collections



FCC Environment and South Hams District Council has reluctantly agreed to continue to suspend all garden waste collections, to enable FCC Environment to focus on general waste and recycling.

Many other councils around the country have had to do the same in recent weeks as the national shortage of LGV and HGV drivers continues.

Although they would like to be able to collect all waste, including garden waste, FCC Environment know that they must focus all of their resources on the statutory waste and recycling collections. This includes clinical waste and food waste, which can become very unpleasant if not collected in warmer weather.

Suspending garden waste collections is allowing FCC Environment to redeploy staff to support vital rubbish and recycling services.

**South Hams and FCC Environment will continue to review this as the national driver shortage position develops.**

## What do I do with my garden waste?

Residents are being asked not to put garden waste in the grey wheelie / residual waste bin and the Council is offering advice on what residents can do with their garden waste:

- **Compost:** Consider doing some home composting. Visit [www.recycledevon.org/in-the-garden/how-to-compost](http://www.recycledevon.org/in-the-garden/how-to-compost)
- **Recycle centres:** All three recycling centres located in South Hams, operated by Devon County Council, take garden waste. Visit [www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/centre](http://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/centre)

### **Please do not burn your garden waste.**

The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service firmly advises against having bonfires, given the risks of fires spreading, the likely nuisance for neighbours and the potential diversion of emergency services.

Visit [www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome/Bonfires](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome/Bonfires)

[www.southhams.gov.uk/waste-suspension](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/waste-suspension)

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South Hams District Council and FCC Environment (South Hams' Recycling and Waste Contractor) have made the reluctant decision to **suspend all garden waste collections**, joining several other councils around the country who have recently done the same.

As the national shortage of LGV and HGV drivers continues, councils across the country are having to make the tough decision to prioritise vital recycling and refuse collections, at the expense of garden waste collections.

**From Mon 16 August, South Hams has become the latest Council to make this decision.**

We anticipate the suspension will last a minimum of four weeks and will be continually reviewed as the national driver shortage crisis continues.

Although South Hams would like to be able to collect all waste, including garden waste, they know that they must focus all of their resources on the essential waste and recycling collections. This includes food waste, which can become very unpleasant if not collected in warmer weather.

Suspending garden waste collections is allowing the council to redeploy staff to support vital rubbish and recycling services. It also helps to keep disruption across other services to a minimum.

## What do I do with my garden waste?

The council is asking residents not to put garden waste in the grey wheelie / residual waste bin, and are offering the following advice:

- **Reduce:** Mow and prune less this summer to encourage more wildlife
- **Compost:** Consider doing some home composting.
- **Mulch:** Use grass cuttings to retain moisture and reduce weeds.
- **Recycle sites:** All 3 recycle sites located in South Hams, operated by Devon County Council, take garden waste. Visit [www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/centre](http://www.devon.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/centre)

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