

Temporary suspension of Garden Waste Collections



FCC Environment (South Hams recycling and waste contractor) has asked South Hams District Council to **suspend all garden waste collections from today (Monday 16 August)**. The Council has reluctantly agreed to this 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.

It is anticipated that garden waste collections will be suspended for a minimum of four weeks. 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
- **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

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

www.southhams.gov.uk/waste-suspension