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Residents helped to recycle vehicle parts

Somerset residents can now take vehicle parts to 10 recycling centres, paying to have them recycled at sites in Bridgwater (Saltlands), Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton (Priorswood), Wellington (Poole), Williton and Yeovil.

The new service is expected to help mainly car, motorcycle and mobile home enthusiasts who do their own repairs and improvements. It is hoped that by making it easier and more convenient to recycle or dispose of vehicle parts, the improved service will also discourage fly-tipping.

Costs for single components, such as an unrimmed car tyre, start at £3.50, many small parts are at £4.20 per item, with prices up to £103.80 for an under body structure. The full list of vehicle parts taken and their costs can be found on the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) website or on a leaflet from one of the 10 recycling sites.

Anyone with vehicle parts should contact site staff to check costs, pay by cash, cheque or card, and receive a receipt. Before going to a site, items that might contain fuel, oil, water or other fluids must be drained, and those that might contain an electrical charge must be discharged.

A few vehicle parts will not be taken. Because of their small explosive charges, airbags, items containing airbags – from steering wheels and dashboards to seats and upholstery – and seat belt tensioners or belt assemblies containing tensioners cannot be accepted.

Also not accepted are items that contain or could contain asbestos, such as brake pads or clutch assemblies. These must be double bagged in plastic and sealed before being deposited without any charge at one of seven Somerset sites that accept asbestos: Bridgwater (Saltlands), Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton (Priorswood), and Yeovil.

The changes have been agreed by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) and site operator Viridor with the Environment Agency, which licence such waste facilities.

With Bridgwater, Frome, Minehead, Taunton and Yeovil sites open seven days a week 8am-4pm, Chard and Highbridge's Tuesday-Wednesday closure, and Street, Wellington and Williton's Thursday-Friday closure, on any day at least seven sites will accept vehicle parts.

A SWP spokesperson said: "As we continue to build a comprehensive and cost effective range of waste services for local people, this is an important improvement and extension of the assistance residents can expect in recycling or disposing of their waste safely and correctly."

Vehicle parts recycling or disposal is not available to businesses or traders. Residents who need further guidance on what vehicle parts are accepted and the charges should ask staff at one of the 10 recycling centres or check: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk.

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