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RECYCLING

At the public meeting on 29th November 2021, the Douzaine presented its proposal to introduce island-wide recycling to Sark. The first phase is to be just for domestic recycling – recycling for commercial premises is to be brought in at a later date, after the Douzaine has spoken with each of the businesses involved.

The system of domestic recycling is proposed to follow closely that used in Guernsey by the **Guernsey Recycling Group**, with which the Douzaine has worked closely to make the process best fit Sark’s needs.

Recycling collection from households will be carried out on the same day and on the same rounds as the current rubbish rounds. Rubbish and recycling will need to be sorted into the following groups and put out in the appropriate bags:

Blue bag	Clear bag	Black bag	<i>Other items*</i>
Plastic bottles, pots and trays. Plastic and metal bottle tops. Tins and cans. Aerosols. Aluminium foil (clean). Juice and food cartons. Milk cartons.	Cardboard and thin card. Paper, envelopes and junk mail. Newspapers and magazines. Shredded paper.	Burnable non-recyclables. Food. For a Black bag to be collected, it must have a pre-paid sticker on it	Glass (in normal bins). Metal (other than tins and cans). Household Batteries (<i>these may also be dropped off at the Gallery Stores</i>). Tractor batteries. Chemicals. Paint. Used cooking oil. Used engine oil.
<i>BUT NOT...</i> Carrier bags, bread bags and cling film. ‘Peel off’ plastic lids. Polythene and bubble wrap. Plastic toys. Crisp packets and pet food pouches. Polystyrene packaging. Black plastic.	<i>BUT NOT...</i> Milk cartons (Blue bag please). Juice and food cartons (Blue bag please). Tissues and paper towels.		

**Other items* will still be collected in the regular way and should be put out for collection as you already do.

Blue bags and Clear bags will initially be delivered to each address in Sark. Each roll contains 25 bags, within these delivered rolls will be tickets.

Before you run out of a particular bag type, you should take the ticket to the Committee Office [Monday to Friday, 11am to 3pm] where you will be given a replacement roll of bags.

The current quarterly rubbish charge of £22.20 per person will be transferred to cover the cost of recycling and will be the only domestic charge levied for this service. Once recycling is introduced, the cost of handling the Island's rubbish will be charged on the items to be disposed, this will include the black bags for incineration.

Each household will be expected to supply their own black bags (maximum of 100 litres, which is the same size as the Blue & Clear bags). The prepaid stickers to go on each black bag, may be purchased from the following outlets:

The Gallery Stores, Foodstop and Mon Plaisir Stores, these will cost £3.00 each, with one sticker to be put on each black bag.

REMEMBER should a black bag not have a prepaid sticker; it will not be collected.

Blue and Clear bag recycling will commence in the first week of January 2022. The exact date will depend on which rubbish round you are on, which as stated earlier, will be your usual day of the week.