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## RECYCLING - update

# Collection of Blue and Clear Bags

In regards the distribution of Blue and Clear bags for recycling, the information in this letter replaces anything said previously.

Having considered the various options of the distribution of the Blue and Clear recycling bags, the Douzaine has decided that these shall be collected from the Committee Office, starting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, between the hours of:

11am to 3pm Monday to Friday

If you are unable to visit the Committee Office during these hours and cannot get someone else to call on your behalf, please call 832118 and appropriate, alternative arrangements will be made for you. If you call this number outside of office hours your call will go the answering machine.

When collecting your Blue and Clear recycling bags please bring with you the voucher at the end of this letter, having filled out the address the bags are for. This measure is so we can see which houses have and have not, picked up their bags.

Recycling collections are due to start in week beginning **7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Please do not put out Blue or Clear recycling bags before this time (even if you get your Blue/Clear bags early).

For up-to-date information and FAQ [Frequently Asked Questions] you should visit the Sark Government website [sarkgov.co.uk/recycling](http://sarkgov.co.uk/recycling) where you will be able to read the questions other people have asked, along with the answers.

The Douzaine has listened to comments from residents and decided to **DEFER charging for black bag collection until the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Any black bag collected as part of the normal rubbish pick up will not require a sticker during January (and up to 6<sup>th</sup> February) 2022.

*A 'black bag' is any bag, other than the recycling Blue and Clear bags, that is used for burnable rubbish and will not be collected unless it has the correct, prepaid sticker on it.*

The Douzaine has also listened regarding the price to be charged for each bag and has decided to introduce charges for different sized black bags. The stickers for the black bags no larger than 100 litres [same size as the Blue/Clear bags] will be £3.00 each, however a black bag no larger than 50 litres will require a sticker costing £1.50.

Stickers, of both prices, will be available from the following outlets in the latter half of January 2022: The Gallery Stores, Foodstop and Mon Plaisir Stores.

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.  <b>For a Black bag to be collected, it must have a pre-paid sticker on it</b>	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.

The Douzaine would wish to remind residents that the disposal of household (or commercial) waste in public bins is an offence under **The Refuse and Litter (Sark) Ordinance, 1983**. The public bins are monitored and if this becomes a problem, action may be taken.

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Please bring this voucher to the Committee Office (11am – 3pm Monday to Friday) to receive your Blue and Clear recycling bags.

Address the bags are for: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(this is so we know that this address has taken its bags)*