

This year the cost for landfilling Somerset's household waste was £8m....

... unless we all recycle more, the cost of landfill will increase to over £13m in 2014/15.



It's Somerset's best bargain!

WHY not have a guess at what your waste costs you, including the kerbside recycling, rubbish collections, Recycling Centres, and management by Somerset Waste Partnership.

Is it £10 a week (£500 a year) or, with the typical £1,400 council tax in band D, £20 a week (an annual £1,000)?

The true cost is under £150 over the next financial year. In fact, the county-wide figure is only £143. Which covers – weather permitting – 52 weekly collections, 26 fortnightly pickups and use of the Recycling Centre network.

On average, kerbside recycling costs just over £31, rubbish collection about £22,

Recycling Centres about £33, and SWP staff less than £5.

Details of all the costs will be in your council tax booklet but a typical Somerset family's bill will be just 66p a day.

No wonder some call it Somerset's best bargain.

But it could be even cheaper. Every Somerset householder has the power to drive down those bills.

Landfill costs from dumping what is in rubbish bins will be over £75 a tonne, or close to £8 million a year, including a fast rising tax to discourage waste and pollution of £56 a tonne.

Boosting today's 50% recycling rate to 60% with more paper, glass bottles and tins in kerbside boxes could save £1.7 million a year now and an annual £2.5 million by 2014.

Reaching 70% by recycling more clothes and shoes, household plastic bottles, cardboard, aluminium foil and even car batteries with every family's kerbside boxes would soon save £5 million a year.

The message is simple: Recycle For All It's Worth and Somerset's best bargain will become even better value.

Call for champions

KEEN and green? SWP needs volunteer Recycling Champions with energy and ideas to get the message out in their area. Just email your details to: recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk

PS: Watch out for the new Spring Clean Somerset campaign with tips for your home, garden and wardrobe.

For information, latest news and the chance to become a recycling champion, see our website.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas, so join the chat today on Facebook or Twitter, or email us:



Somerset Waste Partnership manages waste and recycling services on behalf of all local authorities in Somerset.