

The Formentera Department of Environment reports that this past July islanders generated nearly 8% more waste than the same month in 2019. Total collection for the period stood at 1,373 tonnes (t), compared to 1,273 t two years prior. Meanwhile, the municipal cleaning contractor logged a running count from January to July of 4,559 t compared to 4,791 t for the same period in 2020. And, focusing on July alone, crews collected a total of 1,094 t — 25.5 t more in 2021 than in 2020.

Improved day pickup and checks

Environment chief Antonio J. Sanz explained that increased output since July meant expanded pickup needs at midday, since rules require normal grey-bin rubbish to be binned between 8.00pm and 11.00pm. On 5 August alone, the reinforced midday service hauled off a total of 8,300 kg of rubbish.

The Consell asks islanders, tourists and businesses to be mindful of others and use appropriate containers when disposing of waste. Items that are not fit for bins, including MSW whose daytime disposal in bins is prohibited, can be disposed of free of charge at the island's household waste transfer station, or Deixalleria. The Deixalleria is open Monday to Saturday, 9.00am to 1.30pm, and Monday to Friday afternoons, 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The pickup service for household appliances and furniture can be reached by dialling 900 102 656.

In 2021, Formentera unveiled an educational push called 'For a cleaner island', together with reinforced inspections, to encourage the correct use of bins.

Disposal times at streetside bins:

MSW and similar rubbish: 8.00pm to 11.00pm. [Dumping outside these hours is punishable by fine.]

Glass: 8.00am to 11.00pm. [Dumping outside these hours is punishable by fine.]

Paper, cardboard, packaging, clothes, etc.: any time.

Door-to-door pickup at businesses:

Summer: daily, 8.00pm to 4.00am.

Winter: Sunday to Friday, 8.00pm to 4.00am.

Es Pujols, summer (1 June to 30 September): daily, 8.00pm to 11.00pm.

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