



Larger Black Wheelie Bin (Rubbish/Residual Waste) Policy

The council will provide residents with a larger 240 litre wheelie bin (or a second 140 litre wheeled bin where appropriate) if their current black wheelie bin is not large enough to store their rubbish/residual waste between each collection which will be fortnightly from Monday 10 July 2017.

You will need to demonstrate that you are recycling as much recyclable waste as possible as shown below if you are to be considered as requiring a larger or additional wheelie bin:

Plastics and cans	in the Red recycling box
Paper and Card	in the Blue recycling box
Glass bottles and jars	in the Green recycling box
Food waste	in the Food waste bin
Textiles and shoes	in tied plastic bags
Small electrical and electronic equipment	in tied plastic bags
Garden waste	Collected via the garden waste service (chargeable) Or Take to civic amenity site

If you believe that you are recycling all of the above and that your current black wheelie bin is too small, you may apply for a larger bin.

All requests for a larger bin will be subject to an assessment by the council. Information may be required to support your application which must be provided within 28 days of the request. Failure to supply the information will result in the application being rejected and closed. If necessary a council officer will make arrangements to visit you to assess whether you are entitled to a larger or additional wheelie bin. This assessment may include an audit of the waste in your black wheelie bin. Households will need to demonstrate that they are making the fullest use of all the kerbside and other recycling facilities which the Council has made available.

Recycling

Full recycling must be maintained at all times, there will be a periodic inspection of larger bins to ensure this takes place. Failure to maintain full recycling will lead to the withdrawal of this additional capacity.

Large households/family policy

All households that have 6 or more people, permanently living at the address may be entitled to a 240 litre bin. This will be subject to the following criteria:-

- Number of householders (checks maybe made against the Council Tax register)

- Evidence of fully using the green, red and blue recycling boxes and the food waste collection service (checks will be made against your usage and collection history) additional recycling containers can be provided free of charge if required.
- Families with 4 or more permanent residents and with young children in nappies may apply for a larger residual waste bin. In these circumstances the bin would be issued for a limited period.

When additional capacity is no longer required due to a change in circumstances, e.g. the child no longer uses nappies or a member of the household moves out, the Council should be informed

Medical Exceptions

There are a number of residents that require additional capacity for medical reasons; these residents (or carers on behalf of households) may apply for a larger bin or an additional 140 litre bin through an application form. The criteria for this bin will be based on the following:-

- Medical condition
- How much additional waste will be residual waste
- If necessary a site visit

Where additional capacity is no longer required due to a change in circumstances, e.g. a person is admitted to a nursing home, the Council should be informed

Ongoing Assessments

- Officers will be entitled to undertake a review of households with a 240 litre bin or additional bins to establish the ongoing need. If an officer determines that the 240 litre bin is not required it will be removed and replaced with a smaller bin (140 litre) bin.
- Emphasis will be on the resident to advise the Council of any changes in circumstances. If a resident moves house they will have to inform the council and the bin must be left at the property for use by the new occupier
- Families with five or more permanent residents that have previously been issued with 240 litre bin under the old arrangements will be entitled to keep it until such time as a review has taken place.
- Any changes in household circumstances may result in a review of the wheelie bins provided.
- All applications will be reviewed after one year of commencement.

Assessments may take up to eight weeks. During this time, the Council will not collect any excess or side waste.