

# Perth and Kinross Council

## Waste and Recycling Bin Policy

### SECTION A - HOUSEHOLD

#### 1. Bin Provision and Presentation

- 1.1 The Council's policy is to provide households with;
- (i) One 240 litre green-lidded wheeled bin for general/non-recyclable waste and
  - (ii) One 240 litre brown-lidded wheeled bin for garden waste or;
  - (iii) One 240 litre brown-lidded wheeled bin for garden and food waste (cooked & uncooked) if in dry mixed recycle area (DMR) and:
  - (iv) One 240 litre blue-lidded wheeled bin for paper or;
  - (v) One 240 litre blue-lidded wheeled bin for paper and/or dry mixed recyclates if in DMR area.
  - (vi) (A second blue lidded bin or brown lidded bin will be provided to householders on request, following an appropriate assessment).
- 1.2 The householder is required to present the appropriate bin with the lid closed on the kerbside by 7:30am on the morning of collection. Bins should be presented with handles facing the road.
- 1.3 Bins must be stored where possible within curtilage of property i.e. bin store etc. Bins should be replaced after emptying by collectors to the original collection point or within one refuse collection vehicle length from the collection point.
- 1.4 Bins must be removed from pavement/collection point and returned to point of origin as soon as practical after emptying unless a valid exemption permit is displayed
- 1.5 Side waste will not be accepted.
- 1.6 Overfilled bins will not be accepted. Bins with items wedged within bin will be left as they present health and safety implications to operatives. The resident should correctly represent their bin on the following uplift day.
- 1.7 No waste or recycling materials, other than those that are advised in council provided information, will be accepted in the green, brown and blue lidded bin(s).

- 1.8 Only wheeled bins supplied by Perth and Kinross Council (or approved in writing by Perth and Kinross Council) will be collected.
- 1.9 In the event of alternative or additional bins being required, in addition to those provided in Section 1.1 of this Policy the resident may apply for this explaining the reasons for such a request. This requirement will be assessed by a Council officer.
- 1.10 The cleanliness of bins remains the responsibility of the resident and they should be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times. Unclean or unhygienic bins may not be emptied.

## **2. Exceptions**

Exception to “the Policy” will be considered if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- 2.1 The householder lives on their own and is sufficiently infirm or disabled such that they cannot put the bin out themselves nor retrieve it themselves and there is no-one else who can complete this task for them reliably;
- 2.2 Where the property opens directly onto the street, there is no front garden or area in which to store bins, and no direct access to the back or side of the house (or other communal area) such that the bin has to be brought through the house;
- 2.3 Where there is no pavement or other suitable place (roadside, communal area, bin store, verge) on which to present the bin;
- 2.4 Where the resident has no suitable storage space within their property or no other method of storage they may apply for an exception permit to allow bin to remain on street or pavement. Permits will only be issued under exceptional circumstances and only where the placement of such bins cause no obstruction to the pavement nor cause any health and safety issues to other members of the public.
- 2.5 Where the collection vehicle cannot gain access to the street because of width, height, turning or other restrictions out with our control;
- 2.6 Where remote households bring their waste to the main road and The Environment Service considers it is not appropriate for wheeled bins to be positioned at the road end due to safety reasons;
- 2.7 Multiple occupancy buildings e.g. blocks of flats;

- 2.8 Households with 5 or more occupants;
- 2.9 Households which produce particular Healthcare Wastes;
- 2.10 Where travel is required up a private road or the road is unmade or unadopted;
- 2.11 Where the Council has authorised another receptacle, container or sack in the absence of a wheeled bin.
- 2.12 In exceptional circumstances as determined by the Executive Director (Environment).

### **3. Policy Variations**

The possible policy variations in light of Section 2 are:

- 3.1 Provision of an assisted lift,
- 3.2 Provision of a green-lidded 140 litre wheeled bin,
- 3.3 Provision of a second green-lidded 240 litre wheeled bin, subject to payment,
- 3.4 A suitably sized bin for multiple occupancy blocks as determined by a community waste advisor or other nominated person.

### **4. Policy for issuing the 140 litre wheeled bin for general waste**

A 140 litre bin for general waste, on written application, will be issued where:

- 4.1 Handling the larger bin is difficult or dangerous on account of a disability, infirmity or personal safety grounds;
- 4.2 There is insufficient storage for a 240 litre bin;
- 4.3 Where the resident requests a 140 litre bin, issued due to minimal/reduced general waste.

### **5. Policy for issuing an extra 240 litre bin for general waste**

A second green-lidded 240 litre bin for general waste will only be issued, on written application, where:

5.1 There are five or more permanent residents in the household; and the householder is prepared to pay the rental cost of the bin.

Or

5.2 There are particular Healthcare Wastes.

**(Note there are no exceptions to this rule even where there are children in nappies)**

## **6. Policy on Extra Collections**

Specific arrangements will be made to deal with:

6.1 Missed Collections;

6.2 Collections from households that request removal of larger items (special uplift for bulky items) or a chargeable service, both of which are annually reviewed.

## **SECTION B – COMMERCIAL**

### **7. Bin Provision and Presentation**

7.1 The Council's policy is to provide either by sale or lease suitable storage containers or sacks for businesses to contain their trade waste prior to presentation to pavement/collection point on day of collection for uplift.

7.2 Businesses must store bins within the curtilage of their property at all times, excluding collection times, unless displaying a valid exception permit on bin.

7.3 Wheeled bins and other approved waste must be presented at the kerbside/collection point for waste collection by 07.30 on morning of collection for am collections and not before 12.00 noon for pm collections unless displaying a valid permit authorising presentation of waste outwith these times. (Customers are advised of correct collection times).

7.4 Wheeled bins should be presented with lid closed with no excess, side waste or waste presented on top of the bin. Bins should be presented with handles facing the road. Bins should be replaced after emptying by collectors to the original collection point or within one refuse collection vehicle length from the collection point

- 7.5 Overfilled bins will not be accepted. Bins with items wedged within bin will be left as they present health and safety implications to operatives. The business should correctly represent their bin on the following uplift day.
- 7.6 Wheeled bins should be removed from the kerbside as soon as practicable following collection.
- 7.7 Wheeled bins must not be stored on the footway out with collection day unless in receipt of and display of valid authorisation permit.
- 7.8 Trade waste sacks, and any other approved waste etc to be treated as per 7.1 above.
- 7.9 Any breach of any of the above may result in appropriate action under Section 59 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
- 7.10 No materials other than those that are specified by the Council will be accepted in waste and recycling containers collected by the Council.
- 7.11 Only wheeled bins supplied or approved in writing by Perth and Kinross Council will be collected by the Council.
- 7.12 The cleanliness of bins remains the responsibility of the business and they should be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition at all times. Unclean or unhygienic bins may not be emptied.

## **8. Exceptions**

- 8.1 Where a business premise has no suitable storage space within their establishment or no other method of storage they may apply for an exception permit to allow bin to remain on street or pavement. Permits will only be issued under exceptional circumstances and only where the placement of such bins cause no obstruction to the pavement nor cause any health and safety issues to other members of the public.
- 8.2 Where a business premise has to dispose of exceptional waste that cannot be contained within a wheeled bin or trade waste sack then the business may be permitted to place such items suitably presented to the pavement with the appropriate trade waste permit attached provided such placement causes no obstruction to the pavement nor cause any health and safety issues to other members of the public.
- 8.3 In exceptional circumstances as determined by the Executive Director (Environment)

## **Guidelines re 8.1 above.**

If an individual or business wishes to be considered for exemption they should apply in writing to The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, Perth and Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD, clearly outlining their reason for storage of bins of the footway.

## **9. Policy on Extra Collections**

Special arrangements by Environment Services will be made to deal with:

- 9.1 Missed Collections
- 9.2 Collections from businesses that request removal of larger items which are chargeable, annually reviewed.