

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Planning Guidance on Waste Collection Requirements

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document has been produced to provide planning officers and developers with guidance on the requirements for the Council's waste collection service.
- 1.2. Gravesham Borough Council operates a fortnightly collection of refuse and recycling and a weekly collection of food waste.
- 1.3. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that all the relevant bins and sufficient storage space is provided for each property.

2. Service Provision – Houses

- 2.1. All collections are made from the front boundary of the property. Sufficient space should be allocated to allow space for storage and presentation for:
 - 2.1.1.1. Refuse - 1 x 180ltr bin grey body and lid
 - 2.1.1.2. Recycling - 1 x 240ltr bin grey body and green lid
 - 2.1.1.3. Food Waste – 1 x 23ltr bin black body and orange lid with an individual 5ltr caddy per property
- 2.2. The Council offers an 'opt-in' garden waste service collected via a 240ltr, 140ltr bin or paper sack. The take up of the service is extremely high therefore space should also be allocated to accommodate an additional bin.
- 2.3. The boundary (point of presentation) should be as close as possible to where the vehicle passes. Collections are from the point of the property nearest to the adopted highway. Collection crews and vehicles do not go on to private driveways, this includes shared driveways
- 2.4. Reversing a waste collection vehicle is one of the most dangerous activities carried out by the collection crews. Accidents involving waste vehicles are invariably severe or fatal, therefore the development must wherever possible be designed to allow the waste collection vehicle to operate in a forward gear only. Adequate turning facilities large enough to accommodate the collection vehicle will be required where the collection vehicle is unable to drive in a circuitous route.
- 2.5. All houses are required to have an individual collection and must not be provided with communal collection arrangements.

3. Service Provision – Flats

- 3.1. Flats are generally serviced by communal bin stores. Bin stores should be large enough to accommodate and manoeuvre sufficient 1,100 litre refuse and recycling Eurobins for the number of dwellings in each block.
- 3.2. The following provision is required
- 3.2.1.1. Refuse - 1 x 1,100ltr bin per 6 flats
 - 3.2.1.2. Recycling – 1 x 1,100ltr bin per 6 flats with special recycling lid
 - 3.2.1.3. Food Waste – 1 x 140ltr bin per 10 flats with an individual 5ltr caddy per flat
- 3.3. The immediate area outside the bin store should be level with the road, should not include an incline and the installation of a drop kerb where necessary is mandatory. Car parking spaces should not be allocated immediately in front of the access to the bin store.
- 3.4. The maximum distance bins will be moved by collection crews should be no more than 15 metres.
- 3.5. It is recommended that bin stores are fitted with a lock which is accessed via a key or a key code pad.
- 3.6. Where there is a building of mixed use (ie flat above shop), then separate waste provision must be made for the domestic and commercial premises.

4. Commercial Premises

- 4.1. Waste collection from commercial premises is not covered under the payment of business rates, it is the legal duty of the business to provide sufficient waste storage which does not affect the street scene and to arrange for the collection of its waste by a licenced waste carrier.
- 4.2. Gravesham Borough Council offers a commercial waste collection service to businesses across the borough. Advice and costs for commercial waste collections can be obtained by emailing trade.waste@gravesham.gov.uk

5. Cost of Bins

- 5.1. Developers are required to pay for the provision of all bins required for a development. The costs are as follows
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| 5.1.1.1. | 180ltr bin grey body and lid | £25 |
| 5.1.1.2. | 240ltr bin grey body and green lid | £25 |
| 5.1.1.3. | 23ltr bin black body and orange lid | £5 |
| 5.1.1.4. | 1,100ltr Euro bin including delivery/VAT | £396 |

- 5.2. Delivery is 4-8 weeks once payment has been made
- 5.3. Developers are welcome to purchase their own 1,100 litre bins however the bins must be metal and comply with European Standard EN840.
- 5.4. Collections from sites will not occur until containers are in place. It is the responsibility of the developer to collect and remove any waste at their cost until the Council is satisfied that all waste requirements have been met. All complaints in regard to non-collection due to the fault of the developer will be passed onto to the developer for response.**
- 5.5. The Council should be informed at least two weeks prior to the waste collections by the council taking place.

6. Specification of containers and collection vehicles

6.1. Wheelie bins

Capacity	180ltr Refuse Bin	240ltr Recycling Bin	23ltr Food Caddy
Length	540mm	585mm	380mm
Width	650mm	740mm	290mm
Height	1,060mm	1,100mm	405mm

6.2. Euro bins

Capacity	1,100ltr bin
Length	1,250cm
Width	980cm
Height	1,370cm

6.3. Vehicle Dimensions

The Council uses three-axle, rear steer 26 tonne collection vehicles.

Width – 2.5m

Overall length – 10.5m

Height – 3.8m

Kerb Turning Circle – 18m

Wall to Wall Turing Circle – 19m

For advice or to order bins please contact the Council's Waste Management Team at waste.management@gravesham.gov.uk