

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION POLICY

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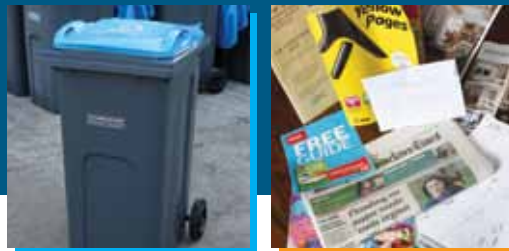


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Introduction

Hambleton District Council's Waste and Recycling Collection Policy aims to ensure that waste and recycling services operate effectively and efficiently in order to maximise recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

It provides a set of rules and standards that the authority uses to deliver all collections in an efficient, effective and customer focused way. It takes into account the need to protect the health and safety of the public and the staff who operate the scheme.

As part of the Waste Strategy 2016-26, the council is committed to providing a full collection service to all properties. A new recycling system was introduced in February 2016 and changes to the garden waste scheme will be implemented in April 2017.

The policy supports these new systems as well as the alternate weekly collections. It lays out policies and procedures that are clearly defined to avoid any uncertainty for residents, Members and officers.

Under the terms of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Hambleton District Council is classed as a Waste Collection Authority and as such, under Section 45(1), has a statutory duty to collect household waste from all domestic properties.



Under Section 46(4) of the Act, the council has specific powers to stipulate:

- the size and type of the collection receptacles
- where the receptacles must be placed for collecting and emptying
- the materials or items which may or may not be placed within the receptacles.

The Controlled Waste Regulations 2012 gives waste collection authorities the power to charge for the collection of garden waste. This power will be used to introduce charges in Hambleton in April 2017.

This document outlines how the district council delivers the domestic refuse, garden waste and recycling collection services. It details the actions required by householders to fully participate in the services and recycle as much as possible.

The policy covers:

- putting out containers
- additional bins
- extra waste
- contamination
- assisted collections
- services to schools and village halls.

Containers

Each household is provided with the following:

- 1 x 240 litre black wheeled bin for general waste. Only waste produced by a householder on a normal day to day basis should be placed in this wheeled bin. It should not contain non-standard items such as bulky waste, excessively heavy or hazardous items, or any commercial waste
- 1 x 240 litre black wheeled bin with a blue lid for mixed household recycling. All materials should be clean and contain no food waste. Items should be washed and squashed, and boxes must not contain leftover food or liquids. Currently acceptable materials include:
 - Paper
 - Cardboard - polystyrene or other packing material must be removed and disposed of separately
 - Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
 - Metal food tins, drink cans
 - Paper based cartons
- 1 x 55 litre blue recycling box for glass bottles and jars. Pyrex and ceramics are not accepted.

From April 2017 for householders subscribing to the garden waste service:

- 1 x 240 litre green wheeled bin for garden waste. It should not contain card, food waste or dog waste. Additional bins are available.

The majority of domestic properties within Hambleton will use these containers. Only properties where the council consider it is impractical to use them will get alternative containers.

This will primarily be assessed on health and safety or access grounds. Alternative options will include a box and a variety of sacks, or communal recycling wheeled bins.

Any request to provide a new wheeled bin or recycling box due to damage should be made to the council's Customer Services Team.

Wheeled bins damaged by the collection crews will be repaired or replaced free of charge.

Replacement containers will be delivered as soon as possible after the request has been made.

Residents may personalise containers if they wish, provided it remains clear which material it is for.

When residents move home they must leave all containers at the property ready for the new occupant to use.

Residents are responsible for the storage, safe keeping and cleaning of refuse, recycling and green waste containers provided by the council.

Residents on new estates will receive two black wheeled bins - one with a blue lid - and a blue box, provided and paid for by the developer. Residents must contact the District Council if they wish to subscribe to the garden waste collection service from April 2017 - the green wheeled bin will be provided free of charge.



Additional Bins

Householders can request additional wheeled bins to assist with recycling or disposing of general waste. Additional garden waste bins are also available - however there is a charge and there is no discount for multiple bins.

Where a household of seven or more produces general waste which cannot be accommodated in a 240 litre wheeled bin an additional bin will be offered, providing every effort to maximise recycling has been made.

Where a member of a household has medical needs and produces waste which will not fit into a 240 litre wheeled bin, an additional bin may be offered. Residents are required to complete an application form for this service.

An additional recycling wheeled bin or box will be provided on request, for households with seven or more occupants or where there is a large amount of recyclate.

Containers should be put out for collection every fortnight and residents should not stockpile material. Extra recycling should be flat-packed as much as possible. Any abuse of the system may result in removal of the extra containers.

Additional refuse and recycling wheeled bins are subject to the council being satisfied that service provision is warranted.

The council will review households which regularly have additional wheeled bin capacity.



240 litre
black wheeled
bin for
general waste



240 litre
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bin with a blue
lid for mixed
household
recycling



55 litre
blue recycling
box for glass
bottles and jars



240 litre
green wheeled
bin for
garden waste

Putting Out Containers

Refuse, recycling and garden waste containers must be presented at the edge of the property's curtilage or at the designated collection point by 6am on the day of collection, and taken back within the property boundary on the same day. Residents must put their containers out for collection no earlier than the evening before collection day. Wheeled bin lids should be closed to prevent littering and contents getting wet.

From April 2017 only garden waste sacks from subscribing households will be collected, and where possible scheduled refuse and recycling collections will not be undertaken in the same week. Residents will be notified by letter of any change of collection day. Site visits will be undertaken in all areas where the authority has concerns over health and safety.

Residents are encouraged to use the recycling wheeled bin and garden waste service as much as possible. Failure to use the correct container does not mean recyclables and garden waste can be disposed of in the general waste black wheeled bin. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 states that the collection authority may allocate the quantity and type of containers, as well as where they are to be collected from. The authority can specify what goes into each container.

Frequency of collection

The council will collect household refuse, recycling and garden waste - from April 2017 from subscribing homes only - fortnightly.

During Bank Holiday weeks, collections will usually be a day late. For example, if the normal collection day is a Friday the

collection will be made on a Saturday instead. The council may make exceptions to this rule, such as during the Christmas period. Where collection dates are changed householders will be notified. Collections will normally be made on Good Friday.

The council will communicate collection arrangements throughout the year and over bank holiday periods.

Details of collection arrangements are available on the website and may also be issued in other formats - such as on tags attached to bins. Visit hambleton.gov.uk for details.

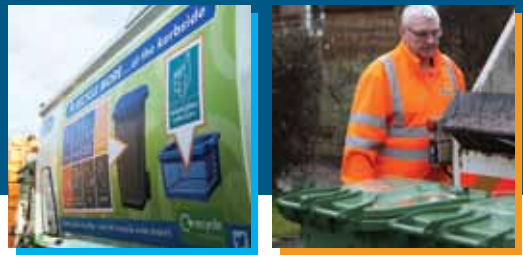
Missed collections

Containers should be presented for collection by 6am on the day of collection.

Bins and boxes reported as missed by the resident will not be collected if the vehicle has passed the property and the container is not out. This can be verified by vehicle tracking and through on board cameras. The responsibility for disposal of the waste will then fall to the householder.

Refuse and recycling containers which are not collected due to obstructions such as road closures or parked cars will be logged by the crew. Where possible, another attempt to collect will be made and the council will liaise with other organisations as necessary.

Garden waste bins may not be collected due to severe weather conditions - high winds, flooding, snow and ice. There is no reimbursement for this - but additional sacks may be available to use until the next collection.



If householders do not present their waste or recyclables for collection in accordance with council requirements, they have the following options:

- take the waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre
- store the waste until the next collection day.

If excess recyclables are presented safely and suitably on the next collection day, the crew will collect all materials left out.

Servicing of flats

The council will usually supply flats with communal wheeled bins. These may be 1100, 660 or 240 litres in capacity.

Where residents of flats do not separate their waste for recycling, the council will endeavour to work with them to encourage recycling.

Generally, communal containers are moved to and from the storage area for collection by the collection crew. Residents are responsible for ensuring access to containers is kept clear and safe for the collection crew. If there is no access, or unsafe access, the crew will be unable to collect and may not be able to return until the next scheduled collection.

No side waste will be collected from communal areas. Subject to correct use of existing containers, when additional receptacles are required, they can be supplied on request.

The council will assess collections from flats on an individual basis. Home visits will be carried out where necessary.

Access and storage issues

The council will assess properties identified with access or storage issues on an individual basis. Alternative recycling provision may be offered following an independent assessment made by the council.

Only those properties where the council considers it impractical to use the preferred bin and box system will be issued with alternative containers. This will primarily be assessed on health and safety or access grounds. Alternative options may include a box and disposable sack, or communal recycling wheeled bins.

Servicing of rural properties

Hambleton is a largely rural area with many properties located at the end of lanes which are not always easily accessible for refuse collection vehicles. Where there are three or less properties up a lane, the collection will normally be from the lane end. Whilst containers will be issued for these collection points, residents are responsible for depositing their waste and recycling into them for collection at the lane end.

Where possible, when three or more properties are located on a lane, a collection from the curtilage will be provided. The following criteria must be met at all times and will be assessed by a council officer to see if:

- the lane is in good condition
- suitable passing places are available
- a suitable turning area is available
- there are no overhanging branches or cables.

Continued failure to meet the criteria will mean the introduction of a collection point at the lane end.

Extra Waste

The council will not collect any extra household waste placed next to the general waste bin.

This extra waste does not support waste minimisation principles, or encourage residents to maximise recycling.

- Residents who are unable to contain their refuse within the waste bin are encouraged to recycle as much as possible. If they still have waste they cannot contain within their wheeled bin it can be taken to their nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- The council will provide householders with advice on how to reduce their waste and may increase their recycling provision on request. Advice may also be given if issues have been reported via the collection crews.
- If the householder continues to present side waste the council may take appropriate enforcement action.
- Exceptions may apply during inclement weather and occasionally during the Christmas period, when instructions and advice will be provided by the council.
- When presented for collection wheeled bin lids should be closed to prevent items escaping and littering, control vermin and flies, and prevent items getting wet.
- With the introduction of charges for green waste from April 2017 there will no longer be a special collection of Christmas trees in January - they will be collected from subscribing households only on the first collection of each year.

Additional Recycling

The council encourages households to maximise the quantity of materials for recycling.

Residents that have additional recyclables which exceed the capacity of their recycling containers should present it in suitable containers, and leave it securely next to or under the wheeled bin or box, taking care to avoid causing any trip hazards. Black or opaque bags will not be collected. Materials will not be collected in inappropriate receptacles.

Residents with extra recyclable material on a regular basis can request an additional recycling wheeled bin or box. Clear sacks for mixed recycling are available from council offices. Containers should be put out for collection every fortnight and material should not be stockpiled. Material should be flat-packed as much as possible. Any abuse of the system may result in removal of the extra containers.

Additional Garden Waste

All waste must be within the wheeled bin or garden waste sacks supplied by Hambleton District Council - no other garden waste will be taken. From April 2017 only garden waste from subscribing homes will be collected.

Overloaded bins

Where a wheeled bin or box is presented overloaded, either by weight or volume of material, it will be rejected at the discretion of the operator and will not be emptied. An explanation notice will be left on overloaded containers. The resident will be expected to remove items and the sticker before the next collection.



Contamination

Developing awareness and having an educational approach to environmental issues is important to help residents understand their role in assisting with improved recycling and operating an efficient service.

All waste must be presented in council approved containers to ensure it can be safely collected from the kerbside.

The council will reject the collection of refuse, recycling and garden waste receptacles for the following reasons:

- overloaded wheeled bin, box or other container
- wrong containers presented - black bin presented on green waste week
- wheeled bin is too heavy to lift - it contains heavy waste, such as construction, DIY or soil
- contamination of general or garden waste or recyclable materials.

Contaminated general, garden waste or recycling wheeled bins or boxes will not be emptied. A notice will be left on the bin or box stating why it has not been emptied. It is the responsibility of the householder to remove the contamination and dispose of it in the correct manner.

The council will not return to collect until the next scheduled collection day. If the non-compliance continues, a letter will be issued detailing the expected standards. Further non-compliance may see the container removed, leaving the resident to arrange disposal. It is not acceptable for garden waste and recycling materials to be deposited in the black wheeled bin.

The following are some of the items that will be treated as contaminants in the recycling bin or box:

- pyrex glass
- greenhouse glass
- rigid plastics, such as toys
- solid metal items, such as padlocks or car parts
- packaging heavily soiled with food or liquids
- polystyrene packaging
- polythene sheet or carrier bags.

Assisted Collections

Residents unable to transport their wheeled bin, box or sack to the required collection point because of ill health, infirmity or disability - and without other adults over the age of 16 in the household able to assist them - will be placed on the 'assisted collection' register upon request.

A simple application form must be completed in order to qualify and each case will be considered on its merits. Home visits or telephone interviews may be carried out where necessary.

- Assisted collections are subject to the council being satisfied that service provision is warranted.
- Residents on the assisted collection register will have their wheeled bins and box collected and returned to an agreed location.
- A part service is also offered, as some residents may be able to collect empty containers.
- If the householder's circumstances change, the resident must inform the council as soon as possible.
- The council will review the assisted collection register every two years.
- The decision of the supervising officer will be final.



Services to Other Organisations

Schools and village halls are provided with two 240 litre wheeled bins for glass and mixed materials, if required. They are clearly marked for their target materials.

They are in addition to a 240 litre wheeled bin for refuse. A 240 litre bin for garden waste is also available but as with households a charge will be made from April 2017.

Collections are on the same basis as households - on alternate weeks - and the bins must be put out for collection at the allocated collection point. There is no collection charge for refuse or recycling.

Where additional general waste collections are requested the council will make a charge for providing extra bin capacity.

Recycling services for other organisations - including sports clubs and charities - will be decided on an individual basis.

The council does not provide a service for commercial premises.



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