

6. Exemption to Wheeled Bins Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy by ensuring that as many households as possible have access to and use the full range of waste management services and to comply with the requirements of sections 46(3)(a) and 46(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

It is recognised that there may be circumstances where a premises is not suitable for a wheelie bin or bins or inclusion in all of the available Council provided recycling services.

Please note that the councils contamination policy will be enforced and collections not made if any container is contaminated with the wrong materials.

Wheeled bins for waste services will be issued strictly in line with the hierarchy shown below.

1. Residual (Refuse)
2. Recycling
3. Food & Garden

Residual waste:

A property may be exempt from using a wheelie bin, if:

- (1) The front door opens directly onto the pavement; **or**
- (2) The front garden does not have available space of at least 1.00 square metre (10.7 square feet) **including** any space taken up by plants, pots, furniture, etc.: **or:**
- (3) There are more than 2 steps to gain access to the public highway **and** there is no space to store it at the boundary of the property;

AND:

- (4) There is no alternative means of bringing the bin to the boundary for collection; and:
- (5) There is no rear access to the property from an access road or the public highway.

Where this exemption applies a fortnightly residual waste collection service using black sacks shall be provided. The number of sacks put out for collection shall not exceed 4 that being the equivalent of the capacity of a 180 litre wheelie bin. Any sacks above 4 will be treated as side waste and not collected.

Recycling service:

- (6) A property will be exempt from using the wheelie bin **for the Recycling** and food and garden waste recycling service if it is already exempt from the use of the residual wheelie bin as set out above. In those circumstances the property will be provided with a kitchen and kerbside caddy for the storage and collection of food waste. Recycling is required to be placed in clear plastic sacks which can be purchased from local supermarkets or the internet. A garden waste collection service **will not** be provided.

- (7) Where a property receives the residual wheelie bin service but where the front garden does not have an additional 1.00 square metre (10.7 square feet) **including** any space taken up by plants, pots, furniture, etc., it shall be exempted from the recycling wheelie bin.
- (8) Where a property receives the recycling wheelie bin service but where the front garden does not have an additional 1.00 square metre (10.7 square feet) including any space taken up by plants, pots, furniture, etc., it shall be exempted from the recycling food and garden waste recycling wheelie bin. but will instead be provided with a kitchen and kerbside caddy for the storage and collection of food waste. A garden waste collection service **will not** be provided.
- (9) Where the garden waste collection service cannot be provided the householder will be encouraged to purchase a home composter.