

Sufficient room should be allowed to manoeuvre and load a vehicle of the following dimensions:

Length – 10.4m

Width – 2.5m

Height – 3.8m (including toploader arms)

Turning Circle, between kerbs – 18.7m

Swept Circle – 20.0m

Fully laden collection vehicles weigh approximately 32 tonnes, service manholes and road surfaces should be constructed with this in mind.

Overhead service cables, pipes, archways and other potential obstacles must be at least 7 metres from ground level.

Collection vehicles should not be required to reverse into the development from a major road, or reverse onto a major road when exiting the development.

Bin Type	Typical Dimensions (mm)	
1100 litre Wheeled bin	Width	1375
	Depth	990
	Height	1370
	Height (with open lid)	2370
660 litre Wheeled bin	Width	1250
	Depth	720
	Height	1330
	Height (with open lid)	2060
360 litre Wheeled Bin	Width	580
	Depth	880
	Height	1100
	Height (with open lid)	1690
240 litre Wheeled Bin	Width	740
	Depth	580
	Height	1100
	Height (with open lid)	1750

For any further information or clarification on this guidance please contact

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Guidance for charging for the provision of wheeled bins and the design of bin storage facilities



This guidance has been produced to give useful information to planners, developers, architects and building managers to enable them to design and construct successful refuse and recycling storage facilities in Breckland, and for the charges applied for wheeled bin provision.

Charging for the provision of wheeled bins

From 1 February 2013 Breckland Council no longer provides free of charge wheeled bins for household waste and recycling for new properties. The Council is seeking from developers of sites of five or more properties a Section 106 agreement or an undertaking to pay for the delivery and administration costs arising from the provision of bins. For developments of four or less properties, the costs will be recovered from the residents or landlords. New developments include existing properties that are sub divided and require additional bin capacity.

These charges are a one off cost for the administration and delivery of the bins; the bins remain the property of Breckland Council. When residents move on, the bins remain for the next resident to use. Bins must not be moved between properties by residents.

A typical house will require two 240 litre bins, one black for recycling and one green for waste. The cost of providing the two bins is:

£62 (price valid to 31 March 2017 and is subject to VAT where applicable).

Where communal bins are required (for instance for flats), other larger sizes of bins can be provided depending on the number of residential units, the numbers of bedrooms per unit and the available space to house the wheeled bins.

The cost of providing each of the larger sized bins will need to be discussed between Breckland Council and the developer. For further information about what bins are required for your development and to arrange payment, please contact Environmental Services on 01362 656878.

Generally, we would not expect to deliver bins until the resident moves in and starts paying council tax. If you are ordering large numbers of bins, please give us sufficient time to arrange this.

You may choose to provide bins yourself. This is allowed as long as the bins are to the required standard.

Bins must comply with the BS EN 840 standard and with the Council's specifications, dimensions, colouring and markings. If your bins do not meet these criteria, then they will not be emptied by the Council. For further details on the Breckland Council specification please contact Environmental Services on 01362 656878.

Please be aware, if bins are removed from the resident's previous property to the new property (to avoid the charges), they will not be emptied.

Bin store locations

There are a number of factors which need to be taken into consideration when designing refuse and recycling storage facilities. Adhering to methods of good practice and following guidelines laid out in this document will help to achieve these. The guidance should be used from the earliest stages of building design. Designing inadequately sized bin storage areas, limited access for street scene vehicles and offering poor bin provisions as well as other aspects of waste management are difficult to apply retrospectively. The information is useful for building designers and assures planning officers that a suitable refuse and recycling facility has been developed.

Breckland Council operates a dual bin system whereby a green bin is used for general rubbish and a black bin is used for recyclables. The waste and recycling collection scheme is an alternate weekly collection scheme, collecting general rubbish one week and recyclables the next week.

- ⊙ For the exact type and number of communal bins, contact Environmental Services on 01362 656878 for more information.
- ⊙ Bin storage areas should be sensitively located and designed so that it accommodates the resident's bins.
- ⊙ Storage areas for bins should be sited so that the distance householders are required to carry refuse does not exceed 30m, in line with the Building Regulations 2002, Part H. The collection vehicle shall be able to approach to within a minimum distance of 8m of the bin store/agreed collection point
- ⊙ Surfaces that bins need to be moved over shall be of a smooth continuous finish and free from steps or other obstacles. Any steps should incorporate a drop-kerb. Doorways should provide at least 1.4m clearance (including thickness of doors).
- ⊙ A walkway at least 1.4m wide should be provided within the bin store that allows access to each of the individual bins and ensures that an individual bin can be removed from the store without the need to move any of the others.
- ⊙ Chutes are not encouraged in flat/apartment developments as they can create problems for segregating and storing waste for recycling.
- ⊙ Storage areas should allow a clear space of at least 150mm between and around each bin and be a minimum of 2m high. The storage area should be permanently ventilated and should have a paved impervious floor.
- ⊙ It is the responsibility of the caretaker/management company (or similar) to allow the collection crews access to the bin stores/collection point on collection day and to ensure that access is not restricted, for example by parked cars, or dumped rubbish. Collection crews will not be expected to hold keys, codes or electronic fobs in order to collect bins. Following collection, bins should be returned to storage as promptly as possible. There should be a clear responsibility for who carries out this task.
- ⊙ Collection vehicles cannot collect bins that are presented on a slope exceeding 1:12. Also the gradient of a slope that bins need to be moved over shall not exceed 1:12.
- ⊙ In the event of mixed use developments separate stores for refuse and recycling bins should be provided for the commercial aspects of a development and the residential aspects. The mixing of commercial waste and domestic waste is forbidden. It is a criminal offence to dispose of any business waste in a domestic waste bin.