## WASTE COLLECTION (AND RELATED) POLICIES 2023

Item	Policy Details
Recycling Bin Delivery	Council provides a free of charge delivery service for kerbside recycling containers
Bin Provision & Replacement of Damaged Bins  • Landfill/Black	<ul> <li>Council does not provide or sell landfill bins to households. Householders to source and purchase their own landfill bin from the private sector. Council does not recommend suppliers of landfill bins but will advise about the types of premises that they may be purchased from when requested.</li> <li>Council does not provide landfill bins to commercial premises. Commercial premises to source and purchase their own landfill bin from the private sector. Council does not recommend suppliers of landfill bins but will advise about the types of premises that they may be purchased from when requested.</li> <li>Council will repair/replace bins damaged by the Council during the collection process at no cost to the householder within a 5-year warranty period from the date of bin manufacture. Thereafter resident will be responsible for bin replacement as damage will be deemed normal 'wear and tear'.</li> <li>Council will replace bins that fall into the refuse collection vehicle free of charge.</li> <li>In circumstances where wheeled bins are damaged or stolen as a result of street protests, the householder is responsible for bin repair or replacement.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Green (dry recycling)</li> <li>Brown (organics)</li> <li>Kitchen caddy</li> <li>Wheelie box</li> <li>Kerbie box</li> <li>Home composters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Free of charge;</li> <li>Free of charge; (charge for additional brown bins applicable as per policy)</li> <li>Free of charge;</li> <li>Free of charge;</li> <li>Free of charge;</li> <li>A purchase fee is charged per composter (costs agreed annually by Council)</li> </ul>
Requests for Additional Bins  • Landfill/Black	Council operate a single landfill bin policy, with a second/larger landfill bin being provided in the following circumstances only:

	<ul> <li>Where there are 6 or more permanent residents,</li> <li>Where there is a medical condition that causes additional waste to be generated, or</li> <li>Where there are families with young children in nappies.</li> <li>Residents to make an application through the appropriate form. If the application is approved additional waste collection capacity will be supplied free of charge by Council. The need for an additional collection capacity will be kept under review. The standard landfill bin size will be 240 litre capacity. (180 litres being trialled in specified areas)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Green 240 litre (dry recycling)</li> <li>Brown 240 litre (organics)</li> <li>Kitchen caddy (7l)</li> <li>Wheelie box (150l)</li> <li>Food Waste Bin (23l)</li> <li>Kerbie box (55l)</li> <li>Home composters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 2 free of charge;</li> <li>Council restrict the number of brown bins that a household can have for organic wastes to 'one' bin per household. Additional brown bins shall only be provided in line with the Policy on the Provision of Additional Brown Bins.</li> <li>Up to 2 free of charge;</li> <li>One additional per household supplied free of charge based on an assessment of need by a Council Officer;</li> <li>One additional per household supplied free of charge based on an assessment of need by a Council Officer;</li> <li>Up to 4 supplied free of charge, additional supplied based on an assessment of need by a Council Officer;</li> <li>Up to 2 per household, charge applied per composter.</li> </ul>
Provision of Additional Brown Bins	<ul> <li>Additional brown bins shall only be provided where:</li> <li>There is capacity on the existing bin collection round for that property, without the requirement to make any significant alterations for the collection schedule.</li> <li>A fee per additional bin is paid for this service annually in advance. This fee is reviewable annually. No concessions will be made regarding the level of payment required.</li> <li>The householder purchases any additional brown bins required, from the Council, at a cost per bin. This fee is reviewable annually.</li> <li>No refunds will be granted to collections cancelled mid-year and the service will be non-transferrable between domestic properties.</li> <li>Applications for additional brown bins will be assessed as detailed below:</li> </ul>

	1. All requests must be submitted in writing, using a designated application form.
	2. All application forms will be processed in order of receipt.
	3. On receipt of an application the relevant collection round for that property will be identified and assessed
	regarding available spare capacity by the Council Operational Services Unit.
	4. Where a request for an additional brown bin/s can be accommodated the householder will be notified and will be required to pay the annual service fee charge and a one off payment for provision/delivery of the bins/s.
	5. Where an application is unsuccessful due to lack of spare capacity on the collection round in question, the applicant will be advised of this and the application held on file and considered in order of receipt/demand for additional service provision if circumstances change.
	6. All applications will be assessed on a first come, first served basis with no guarantee given as to the success of any particular application. The Council's decision is final and no appeals will be considered.
	7. The Council reserves the right to withdraw the additional brown bin collection service at any time with due notification given to householders in such circumstances.
	8. Failure to pay the annual fee will result in the additional collection service being removed.
	9. Refunds will not be issued for missed bins or bins rejected due to contamination. If a missed collection is due to
	error by the Council then we will return to collect the bin as soon as possible.
	Successful applicants will be provided with an 'approved additional brown bin' sticker which must be affixed to the bin. Bins must be presented at kerbside on the normal brown bin collection day. Only additional brown bins displaying the proper sticker will be collected.
	Applicants receive an annual letter to request payment of the service fee, once payment has been received a new sticker is supplied to be affixed to the bin and the collection service continues.
Requests for Assisted Lift Collections	Council provides an assisted lift collection service conditional to the householder completing an application form accompanied with a supporting letter from their Doctor or medical/care professional confirming that they are medically unfit to present their bin at the nominated collection point. Provision of the service is subject to there being no permanent resident of the household who is capable of presenting the bin at kerbside for collection.
	If approval is granted, the Council Operational Services Unit may need to carry out a risk assessment at the household to ensure the service can be safely provided. The provision of the backdoor collection to be kept under review.
Presentation of Waste Containers	In order to assist Council in providing an efficient and effective waste collection service, householders must:
	<ul> <li>Leave the appropriate bin or box out by 6:00am on the day of collection;</li> <li>Lids must be closed shut;</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Bin handles should be turned out towards the roadside;</li> <li>Containers must be in good working order including wheels, axles, lids, handles, etc;</li> <li>No side waste will be collected.</li> <li>The use of wheelie bin 'liners' in recycling bins is prohibited.</li> <li>The use of wheelie bin 'liners' within landfill bins is conditional to the householder ensuring that the liner is tied closed and contained within the bin, with the lid closed, prior to collection.</li> </ul>
Collection of Additional Bagged Residual Waste	Council will not collect additional bagged residual waste unless there are specific circumstances or an overriding operational need as deemed necessary by the Council.
Collection of Medical (Human Hygiene) Waste	Council will provide larger/additional landfill bins for the collection of medical (human hygiene) waste, the service to be kept under review with bins being surrendered when no longer required.
Contamination of Bins	Council has a zero tolerance policy for incorrect materials placed in bins presented for collection at kerbside. This policy is applied to landfill, mixed dry and organic bins, wheelie boxes and food waste bins.  The overall aim of the policy is to reduce contamination levels and maximize recycling and composting rates. Householders will be supported in complying with the policy through availability of a comprehensive range of communication materials detailing what items should be placed in which bin.  The zero tolerance policy will be applied to all households excluding exceptional circumstances where there are genuine reasons why the policy cannot be complied with (e.g. resident with dementia). Council reserves the right to consider individual cases of non-compliance on the basis of their individual merit. This may include needs such as medical, special assistance or other conditions. These will be evaluated on an individual case by case basis by the Waste Management Team and appropriate mitigation measures put in place.
Contamination Enforcement Protocol	Cleansing Operatives will lift the lid of bins presented for collection at kerbside and conduct a visual inspection of the contents for any unsuitable materials that should be in an alternative bin e.g. food waste in landfill bins, glass in mixed dry recycling bins, non-organics in brown bins.  Bins containing unsuitable materials will receive a non-collection/zero tolerance sticker. This sticker will provide contact details for the householder to use to contact the Council for further advice and information but will clearly state that in order for the bin to be emptied they will be required to remove the unsuitable materials and present the bin for collection on the next scheduled collection day.

	Collection crews will keep a record of all non-collection/zero tolerance stickers issued and what unsuitable item/s were found in the bin in order to allow Waste Management to feed this information back to householders who contact them for advice.  While bins found to contain unsuitable materials will not be emptied, if a householder contacts the Waste Management Team as a result of their bin not being emptied, staff will work with them to ensure future compliance with the Council's requirements. In cases where genuine mistakes have been made and where the householder cannot wait until their next scheduled collection day, a one off 'mop up' collection service will be offered. Generally only one 'mop up' in a rolling 12 month period will be provided to any one household.
Householders unable to operate kerbside recycling services due to a medical condition	Council will provide an additional landfill bin to those households where the householder is unable to participate in the Council's kerbside recycling services due to a medical condition which has been confirmed by a doctor's letter or letter from a medical/care person. The service to be conditional to there being no other abled-bodied person living at the address, with the service being kept under review.
Caddy Liners	Council will supply compostable liners for the collection of food waste from households, free-of-charge utilising Council premises as distribution points and the brown bin tag system for kerbside collections. Householders can also tie a caddy liner to their food collection bin to request additional liners.  Commercial users, including school kitchens will also be provided with liners free of charge based on the standard liner provided to households.
Household Amenity/Bulky Collections	<ul> <li>A free of charge service will apply to household amenity collections as follows:</li> <li>Up to three items will be removed per collection.</li> <li>A maximum of three free of charge collections will be provided per household per year.</li> <li>Additional collections will incur a charge, as agreed by Council, for up to 3 items to be applied to all households.</li> <li>Items that will be collected free of charge will include free standing furniture, mattresses, carpets, electrical appliances and white goods. A full list of accepted materials is provided by contacting the Council.</li> <li>Due to H&amp;S risks items containing glass (e.g. glass table tops, doors, mirrors or older style TV's with glass</li> </ul>

	screens and cathode ray tubes) will not be collected.
	• Items must be dry, householders to be advised of this at time of booking (wet mattresses, carpets etc. cannot be lifted due to manual handling issues).
	Oversized or overweight items which would require specialist lifting equipment or could cause manual handling issues for collection crews will not be collected.
	• Specific items that will not be collected by the bulky collection service will include bagged household general waste, builders rubble, plasterboard, bricks or soil, tyres and car parts, batteries or fluorescent tubes, older style TV's with glass screens and cathode ray tubes, paints, chemicals and oils, oil tanks, garden waste, garden sheds or garden furniture.
	• Council will not collect waste which is a result of home improvement work, such as bathroom suites, kitchen units, radiators, doors or fireplaces. Householders should arrange with their building contractor to remove these items or alternatively organise removal by an authorised waste collection company or hire a skip.
Commercial Waste Collection Service	A commercial general waste collection service will be provided as per fees set annually by Council.
	Council does not provide landfill bins to commercial premises. Commercial premises to source and purchase their own landfill bin from the private sector.
	Businesses wishing to avail of the Council comingled organics collection will be able to do so based on the current fortnightly collection cycle in place for households with bins to be paid for by the customer and the price for service to be in line with current commercial charges for a landfill bin of an equivalent size.
	Households from which a business is also operational (e.g. childminders, hairdressers) will be entitled to the standard household collection service. Requests for additional bins will be considered commercial and charged at the appropriate rate.
Commercial Waste Payment Policy	Contract renewal processes and billing commences in February for a full years collection, payable in advance of the incoming financial year.
	A collection and disposal charge is levied for the collection of a schools landfill waste.
	A collection only charge is levied for a charity's landfill waste.

	Churches and church halls receive free of charge collections for landfill waste.
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	In circumstances where the Council produces a Waste Transfer Note on behalf of a waste producer (e.g. a contractor bringing household waste to Council Household Recycling Centre), the Council reserves the right to levy an administration charge for this service.
	Delegated Authority has been granted to the relevant Head of Service to approve customer billing on either a quarterly or six monthly basis, in advance, in cases where customers are unable to commit and pay for a full years' service.
	New in-year commercial waste customers are required to pay for two months' collections in advance of service being provided.
	Special collection requests from commercial entities will be charged at the agreed rates.
School Recycling Service	Provision of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Schools Recycling Service is conditional to the school having a contract
, 0	with the Council for the disposal of their landfill waste. A charge is applied to this service.
Waste Collections from Charitable Organisations	Council will provide charities with free recycling bins for their dry recyclables and, where applicable, organic wastes,
	subject to the same conditions as households, i.e. charities may have more than one recycling bin (green/blue) for their
	dry recyclables but are restricted to 'one' brown bin for their organic waste.
Waste collections from static caravans and	Static caravans and mobile homes used for permanent residency will be treated in accordance with all of the waste
mobile homes	policies applicable to residential dwellings.
	Council will provide the same waste collection service to mobile homes and static caravans as other households on that
	collection route.
	They will be provided with the same bins as households and additional bins will be granted in accordance with the
	'requests for additional bins' policy.
	The Operational Services Unit may need to carry out a risk assessment to ensure that the waste collection service can
	be safely provided.