

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

POLICY DOCUMENT

Babergh District Council is the designated Waste Collection Authority (WCA), responsible for the collection of household and municipal waste from properties within its geographical area.

A range of services are offered in the discharge of this responsibility

Domestic Residual Waste Collection	Black bins or sacks
Domestic Dry Recyclables Collection	Blue bins or clear sacks
Bulky Item Collection	Chargeable
Special Collections (Larger items)	Chargeable – price by quotation
Hazardous Household Waste Collection	Via Suffolk County Council
Clinical Waste Collection	Yellow bin
Other Domestic Waste (for which a collection charge can be made)	Chargeable e.g. Schools, Village Halls, Churches etc.
Garden Waste Collection	Brown bins (chargeable) Bulk Bags (chargeable) Sack Collection (chargeable)
Community Recycling Centres	Banks
Trade Waste Collection	Chargeable

1 Domestic Refuse Collection

The Council operates a 'Twin Bin' waste collection scheme.

The majority of domestic properties in the District have two 240 litre wheeled bins for the collection of their waste:

- A Blue bin for dry recyclable material.
- A Black bin for residual waste

There are some exceptions to this bin allocation – see paragraph 1.3 and 1.4 for more details:

A weekly collection service is provided – residual waste and recyclable materials on alternate weeks. Collection days may vary during the period of a public holiday. Householders are informed of the specific arrangements over the Christmas period and of any other exceptional changes using local media.

Householders are required to present their appropriate bin at the boundary of their property or nearest point to a public highway by 6.30 a.m. on the specified collection day.

For details of what materials should be placed in each bin, please refer to 'Getting it right' leaflet.

1.1 Black (Residual Waste) Bins

In 1988, for a number of Environmental and Health & Safety reasons, the Council introduced wheeled bin collection system, replacing a wide range of containers previously supplied by householders. To enable every household to meet the requirements of the scheme, bins were issued to each property in the area

Owners of properties that do not currently have a black residual bin (e.g. new properties) are responsible for purchasing a wheeled bin for the property.

All refuse receptacles are liable to inspection before collection.

The refuse receptacle should contain 'non-recyclable' household waste only:

The refuse receptacle must not contain:

- Liquid waste
- Garden waste
- Soil
- Clinical waste
- Tyres
- Hazardous waste
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- Large 'bulky' items.
- Construction/DIY waste such as bricks, cement, aggregates, and timber.
- Paint (in liquid form)
- Loose dust and ash

The Council can be contacted with regards to arrangements for disposal of the types of waste listed above.

Should the refuse receptacle contain wastes of the type detailed above, the Contractor will not collect the waste. In this circumstance, should the refuse not be collected, the disposal of the waste will then become the responsibility of the householder, who will be required to dispose of the waste in accordance with instructions provided by the Supervising Officer.

Generally the householder will be required to remove the waste contravening this policy statement. The receptacle can then be presented on the next refuse collection day.

1.2 Blue (Recyclable Material) Bins

In response to Government recycling targets a separate collection of dry recyclable materials was introduced in 2000. In 2003 -04, blue bins were issued to each property. The blue recycling bin was provided free of charge, but the bin remains the property of Babergh District Council. Smaller 120 litre blue bins are available on request.

Householders may request changes to the sizes of their bin(s) and an appropriate charge may be made. Fees and charges table for current costs.

1.3 Replacement of Wheeled Bins

The householder is responsible for purchasing a replacement black bin should theirs be damaged or go missing. This is in accordance with section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

However should any kind of bin be damaged or lost at the time of collection, the contractor is responsible for replacing this bin at no charge to the resident.

Blue bins will be replaced free of charge should they be damaged or go missing.

1.4 Additional bins

These may be made available to households of 6 or more people and/or in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Council. Current policy is to issue, in the first instance, an additional 120 litre blue bin for recyclable material at no charge. If there is further requirement then a 120 litre refuse bin may be issued at the discretion of the Council, however payment for this bin is the responsibility of the resident. See fees and charges table for the current charges.

1.5 Approved Sack Collection

The supply of black sacks and clear recycling bags will be made to those properties, which are approved as being unable to accommodate wheeled bins and, in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Council, certain properties having a residual bin will be provided with recycling sacks for the collection of dry recyclable materials. The alternate week collection cycle will apply. (NB *The Council will not maintain a collection service to properties presenting bags for collection unless on the approved list.*)

1.6 Collect & Return Service

At the discretion of the Head of Environmental Services, a 'collect and return service' may be provided on request for those physically impaired from placing their refuse at the appropriate place, and there being no other able bodied member in the household.

2 Other Domestic Waste Collection Services

2.1 Bulky Domestic Waste Collection Service

This allows up to five domestic items, such as furniture, carpets and white goods (fridges, freezers, washing machines, cookers etc) or ten sacks of waste including garden waste (which will not be composted) to be removed. See fees and charges table for pricing schedule.

2.2 Special Collections Service

This accommodates the collection of larger item(s) that are not included in the bulky collection service. The collection contractor will provide a quotation on request.

2.3 Hazardous household waste

Arrangements may be made through the Council, for the collection and appropriate disposal of certain hazardous wastes, (i.e. solvent based paints, solvents and garden chemicals). See fees and charges table.

2.4 Clinical waste

Arrangements can be made through the Council for the collection of clinical waste. The majority of clinical waste generated from domestic premises is low grade, e.g. incontinence pads and these can be safely disposed of in the residual (black) bin, provided the waste is double wrapped in plastic. Where bin capacity is a problem, an additional bin may be provided on an alternate weekly basis. This can be arranged through the Council.

For higher-grade clinical wastes, that have arisen due to medical treatment, residents should seek disposal advice from their local Health visitor or Primary Care Trust. The Council may be able to collect higher grade clinical waste where the amount produced is less than 80 litres per week (approximately 4 full carrier bags). The Primary Care Trust should collect volumes of high-grade clinical waste in excess of 80 litres.

2.5 Village halls

These types of premises are classified as domestic waste for which a charge can be made. In order to encourage recycling, one 240 litre bin for residual waste and one 240 litre blue bin for recycling both to be emptied on an alternate week frequency will be provided with no collection charge.

Provision and collection of additional or larger bins to be charged at pro rata domestic rate (i.e. no disposal charge).

2.6 Schools

These types of premises are classified as domestic waste for which a charge can be made.

Schools participating in the alternate week collection scheme are only charged at pro rata domestic rate (i.e. no disposal charge) for a fortnightly collection of the residual wheeled bins. There is no collection charge for the recycling bins.

Schools remaining on a weekly collection to be charged at an appropriate trade rate for each additional week that collection needs to be undertaken by a trade refuse collection vehicle, (this will include the cost of disposal).

3 Additional Recycling Facilities

3.1 Garden Waste

3.1.1 Home composting

Through a subsidised scheme householders are encouraged to purchase home compost bins. These may be obtained at by contacting Babergh District Council Waste Services.

For those that do not want to compost at home, there are a number of collection services available:

3.1.2 Garden Waste Collection Service

This service is a fortnightly collection of garden waste using 240 litre brown bins. Collected material is composted. The service involves a minimum of 24 collections per year on a chargeable basis. Current prices are detailed in the fees and charges table. Bins remain the property of Babergh District Council.

3.1.3 Bulk Bags

These are used for large garden clearance jobs. The service involves the delivery and collection of a Bulk Bag for garden waste only (approx 1000 litres). Collected material is composted. Current prices are detailed in the fees and charges table.

3.2 Other Materials

In addition to the Blue Bin recycling scheme, the following facilities are available for recycling a range of materials:

3.2.1 Household Waste and Recycling Centres

Use can be made of Suffolk County Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres. Sites are open 6 days a week and can be used for the disposal of larger items of domestic waste including green waste, which is composted. These sites are able to accept trade waste which is chargeable.

3.2.2 Community Recycling Centres - 'Bring Sites'

These are for the recycling of glass, paper, cans and textiles. These are often operated to the financial advantage of the community with collections undertaken by a number of different organisations. There are over 100 of these sites across the District. Householders are encouraged to continue to use these facilities, especially for glass and textiles, as paper and cans can be placed in the blue bin.

4 Other Wastes

4.1 Trade Waste Service –

A chargeable collection from commercial properties, including mixed commercial and domestic premises is available on an individual contract basis. This includes:

- A suitable collection frequency (normally weekly or fortnightly),
- Hire of containers (principally 1100, and 660 litres),
- Cost of Collection
- Cost of Disposal
- Administration Cost
- Renewable contracts payable by Direct Debit on a half-yearly basis.

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