

Information for developers and planning officers

Recycling and refuse collections (domestic dwellings, including apartments)

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council provide an integrated and synchronised recycling and refuse service. It is hoped that with the continued support and participation of residents we will maintain our goal of recycling/composting over 50% of residential waste.

We therefore need the support of both developers and planning officers to provide adequate storage and access for the collections this service provides. All services should be available to all residents. The following sections contain details on the services provided, access needed, storage requirements, additional services and maintenance of areas.

Services

- The pattern for all services is known as 'alternate weekly collections' (fortnightly)
- Residents are provided with containers by the council and the cost of the containers is met by the developer (see waste policy)
- The collection point is from the boundary of the property with the adopted public highway
- Individual properties will be provided with their own wheeled bins. For apartments, which meet all the criteria and where space permits, larger communal bins will be provided
- The waste collection services provided are:
 - Recycling - standard issue per property (4 people) is a 240 litre wheeled bin (blue lid) with 55 litre caddy. The caddy fits inside the wheeled bin on the left hand side. Items collected are glass bottles/jars, aluminium/steel food tins/cans/aerosols, household plastic packaging, cartons in the main part of the wheeled bin; paper/magazines/directories/envelopes and cardboard in the caddy. Textile/shoes are collected separately in 'one-use' bags provided by the council. Household batteries are collected by using an unwanted bag (such as carrier bag). 140 litre bins with 19 litre caddies and additional bins are available on request
 - Composting - the garden waste collection is available on an opt-in basis. Standard issue is a 240 litre wheeled bin (brown lid). 140 litre bins are available on request. Additional wheeled bins available to rent per financial year. There will be limited use for this wheeled bin at apartments unless there is a garden area
 - Other (residual) waste -standard issue is 240 litre wheeled bin (black lid) suitable for 3 or 4 permanent residents. Larger/smaller families should contact the council to discuss their individual needs. Where space and access is suitable, the larger 1100 litre wheeled bins will be delivered. 1 x 1100 litre bin is sufficient for 16 residents.

Storage space – apartments

Residents in apartments will find sorting their waste/recycling much easier by using communal wheeled bins. This also makes best use of storage areas. Communal bins will only be suitable if the following criteria are met:

- Storage areas must be located at the adopted public highway
- The area must be clear of parked cars/parking bays
- Ground to be level with drop-kerbs where needed
- Surface must be paving slabs, tarmac or concrete
- Gates/doors must open outwards and will need to be a minimum of 150 cm wide
- If gates/doors locked entrance must be by way of key code. Please note: individual keys are not acceptable
- Floor space required is approximately double the base of the wheeled bins
- Bins to be arranged in single rows to ensure residents can easily use all the bins
- 140 litre bin measures (approximately): 110 cm high x 50 cm wide x 55 cm depth
- 240 litre bin measures (approximately): 110 cm high x 60 cm wide x 60 cm depth
- 360 litre bin measures (approximately): 110 cm high x 60 cm wide x 90 cm depth
- 1100 litre bin measures (approximately): 147 cm high x 136 cm wide x 108 cm depth

Access – apartments

All services are from the boundary with the public highway.

- Storage areas must be as close to the road as possible to ensure direct access for the collection vehicle. Ground to be level with drop kerbs where required. Ensure sufficient height clearance for the vehicles
- Pathways between storage area and collection vehicle must not be obstructed by residents or visitors vehicles or shrubbery
- Access roads need to be constructed to a standard to withstand the load of a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) 26 tonnes gross vehicle weight. Minimum dimensions for vehicles are: 2.5 metres wide x 11.3 metres long x 5.1 metres high
- Access design should accommodate turning circles with a suitable margin. Additional space is needed for clearance and turning (turning circle diameter is 22.9 metres)
- Roads adopted to highway specification will ensure collections from the boundary of the properties. Where roads are not adopted (private) residents will need to present their wheeled bins at a collection point adjacent to the adopted public highway
- Consider the vehicle requirements and limitations when planning the locations of trees/shrubbery and chicanes
- All paths to be a minimum of 150 cm wide

Please note: where the storage area is not adjacent to the adopted highway then individual wheeled bins will be issued to each apartment. This will take up more space in the storage areas and residents will be responsible for presenting and returning their containers at the boundary on the scheduled collection days.

Additional services

The council can provide additional collection services for bulky waste such as furniture or electrical items. This service can be arranged by the individual residents or the management company. Please contact us for costing and timescales.

New residents

From experience, when residents move out they produce additional waste and bulky items with new residents producing large quantities of cardboard boxes. These are invariably not flattened and subsequently filled with bags of rubbish causing problems to other residents trying to use the storage areas.

Loose, large cardboard will be taken providing not mixed with other recycling items/rubbish. All waste must be contained in the allocated wheeled bins. Management companies are likely to need a maintenance service/officer to deal with these instances.

The above are guidelines and we are available to discuss individual needs as required. Please do not hesitate to contact our waste management officers for further information or a site visit.

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