

## WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL - Commercial Waste Services

Under section 12 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 councils have a duty, if requested, to arrange for the collection of commercial waste and to recover a reasonable charge for the collection and disposal.

In accordance with the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 ('the Regulations') the Council has to continue its journey towards a Zero Waste society within the terms of Scotland's Zero Waste Plan and the European Waste Framework Directive.

From 1 January 2014 all businesses, regardless of size, who operate in Scotland are required to present glass, metal, plastic, paper and card (including cardboard) for separate collection (i.e. not presented with residual waste).

They must:

1. Take steps to maintain the quality of dry recyclables presented for separate collection.
2. Present food waste for collection if they process, prepare, distribute or sell food and produce over 50kg of food per week.
3. From 1 January 2016, businesses producing over 5kg of food waste per week (approximately one food caddy) will also need to present food waste for separate collection.

By 2016, it will also be illegal to dispose of food into a public sewer, through using a macerator where food collections are available.

The council has a role to play in three areas:

1. By assessing whether premises comply with the requirement to sort dry recyclables and/or food waste (where applicable) during the course of routine inspections required under other legislation (already underway within Environmental Health)
2. As suppliers of waste and recycling collection services
3. As waste producers through delivery of various council services

Enforcement will be undertaken by The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and Local Authorities and will run alongside other regulatory activities.

Given the legislative changes brought about by the Regulations, the council from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 has to arrange the collection of Food Waste and Dry Mixed Recyclates and glass if requested.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 a service has been offered for Food and Glass collections, where requested, using existing vehicles and crews until such time as demand requires an alteration of the service delivery model.

In line with the European Directive relating to the provision of state aid, charges for Food Collections and Glass Collections are based on a transparent cost recovery position.

Pricing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	Container Type	Total Cost per Lift
Food	23l Caddy	<b>£1.62</b>
Food	140l Bin	<b>£4.92</b>
Glass	3 x 240l Bin	<b>£2.93</b>
Glass	3 x 1100l Bin*	<b>£10.03</b>
Blue Recycling	1 x 240l Bin	<b>£1.80</b>
Blue Recycling	1x 1100l Bin	<b>£6.29</b>
Residual Waste	1 x 240l Bin	<b>£4.16</b>
Residual Waste	1x 1100l Bin	<b>£18.82</b>

\*1100l Glass containers will only be provided following a site visit and assessment by Waste Services to ensure the ground conditions are suitable for manoeuvring this type of container from the collection point to the vehicle

## **COLLECTION DETAILS:**

### **Blue Bin Mixed Recycling (FORTNIGHTLY)**

We can provide blue recycling bins for the following products. You can put clean:

- Paper
- Light card,
- plastic bottles only (lightly rinsed, squashed with lids removed),
- tins and cans (lightly rinsed)

Please bundle cardboard and present it at the side of the blue bin as gets jammed in bins and won't come out. N.B. Glass cannot be presented in the blue bin.

### **Glass Recycling (frequency as required by customer)**

Glass must be:

- collected and stored separately to other recyclates. We will provide you with purple bins for this purpose. It cannot be presented in the blue bin as this would contaminate the other recyclates
- colour segregated into clear, brown and green glass streams. The purple bins we can provide have different coloured lids to denote the colours.
- glass bottles and jars only. Therefore no window glass or other types of glass can be accepted

### **Food waste (Weekly, but potential to be more frequent upon request)**

If you process, prepare, distribute or sell food and produce over 50kg of food waste per week, you must present it for separate collection from 1 January 2014. Please check (Hospitals are not required to comply with the Food Waste Regulations until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.)

This service can be used for ALL cooked and uncooked food waste, leftovers from meals and food preparation or out of date food from cupboards or fridges, but please do not put any liquids or oils in the caddy or bin.

We will provide you with green caddies or wheeled bins for its collection.

Types of food waste that can be accepted in the caddy or food waste bin are:

Dairy produce, Meat, bones, fish, egg shells, Fruit and vegetables, Bread, cakes, pastry  
Rice and pasta, Tea bags, coffee grounds and minimal Food Packaging is acceptable.

### **Additional Services**

In addition to the new Dry Mixed Recyclate, Glass and Food collection services the council continues to offer a free weekly cardboard collection and a residual waste service for non-recyclable items.

If you would like to take up any of the services offered by the council please contact the Finance Support Team, to discuss collection and billing requirements, details below:

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