

Environmental Services Charging Policy 2007

Aims of the policy

- 1) To encourage residents to take responsibility for their bin and to bring it in after the bin collection service
- 2) To reduce the demand for replacement wheeled bins following the dramatic increase in demand in 2005
- 3) To minimise requests for a replacement bin when there is already a bin at the property
- 4) To introduce charges for peripheral services to reduce demand so that resources can be prioritised for core services
- 5) To be fair to all residents of the borough

Legal framework

Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes provisions for receptacles for household waste. The local authority can specify the kind and number of the receptacle required for the occupier to place waste for collection. The local authority can provide the receptacles free of charge, propose a single payment or periodical payments for such receptacles or require the occupier to provide them.

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Waste Container Charges

	Recycling Containers	
1.	Provide blue box, clear sack and white sack recycling containers free of charge	FREE
2.	Provide first green waste bin free of charge	FREE
3.	Charge for additional green waste bins to encourage home composting (BEO)	£20.80
4.	Charge for bio-degradable sacks for green waste to encourage home composting at rural properties. (BEO)	£1
	Residual Waste Containers	
3.	Charge for lost or stolen refuse wheeled bins unless; a) the occupier receives assisted collections of residual waste b) the wheeled bin is damaged or lost into the wagon during the collection process by the contractor	£20.80
4.	Where a bin is exchanged for a smaller bin, provided free of charge.	FREE
9.	Charge for wheeled bins provision at new build properties.	£20.80
10.	Where a bin is exchanged for a larger bin, this will be free of charge, however, there will be an approval process for 360 litre bins.	FREE

In addition the following points of clarification are made in relation to the charges;

- Landlords will be advised to bring wheeled bins indoors of empty properties as wheeled bins will be collected from vacant properties to prevent theft.
- A stock of second hand bins will be retained for provision free of charge in the discretion of the Contract Manager.
- Properties which report a stolen or lost bin and are found to have a bin will not be supplied with a second bin and the full charge will be made and a note will be made of the fraudulent claim.
- Where an area is to be cleared of wheeled bins which are left out on the street between collection, properties which are notified to bring their bins in then leave it out, will be required to pay for a replacement in full, if their bin is removed.

Other charges

	Pest Control Services	
1.	Flea and bed bug sprays	£35