



Alternate Weekly Collection (Mainland) - Bin Collection Guide

Collection

- Bins should be placed on the pavement by 08:00 on collection day, with handles facing the road.
- Bins shouldn't block pavement access wherever possible. Please take your bin back as soon as possible if they are on a public footway.
- Bins may be stored in a bin store either within the curtilage of a property or on the verge so long as they are presented for collection less than 2 metres from the roadside.
- Access to containers should not be restricted by padlocks, chains or bungee cords. If used, these must be removed on collection day for easy access.
- Bins should not be overfilled and it should be possible to close the lids. This is to prevent the potential for vermin to break open bags and spread litter about.
- No additional waste should be placed outside the bins.
- Please ensure that all recyclable materials (thin card/paper/glass/plastic bottles) are placed loose in the bins. If they are mingled together, your bin will not be collected. Please rinse out tins and bottles. Internal caddies are provided for storage only and should not be used to present recycling for collection.
- It is recommended that household rubbish is bagged before placing in the wheelie bin to keep your bin clean and so it doesn't attract vermin.

Be Considerate

- If there is a possibility of the strength of the wind affecting your bins, please assess the situation and consider whether it is wise to put out your bin. You can follow OIC Updates on Facebook if you have access as updates about collections are posted on there.
- Help your neighbour if elderly, for example by giving a helping hand on a windy day to put out or take in their bin.
- If your recycling bin isn't full on collection day and if it can last until the next collection date, skip this one and keep your bin safely stored.

Liability and Council Procedures

- Wheelie Bins are the property of the Council, they are issued to households for safe and proper use to dispose of their waste and recycling. The bins are therefore the responsibility of the householder at all times except for the period of time when council staff are emptying them. Householders should use their judgement on when and how to put out their bins.

If you have any queries on bin etiquette please phone 01856873535 or email developmentandinfrastructure@orkney.gov.uk