



REFUSE AND RECYCLING POLICY

“Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit”

Corporate objectives

Important to the success of the District and delivery of services are:

- People
- Place
- Progress
- Outcomes

Through continual improvement of our services, we will deliver connected communities and ensure that South Derbyshire continues to prosper.

Service aims

We are a designated Waste Collection Authority and have a statutory duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to arrange collection of household **waste** and, **if requested**, commercial waste. Further, we are required to provide for the collection of a minimum of four different waste streams for recycling, being paper, glass, metals and plastic.

We aim to ensure that refuse and recycling services operate effectively and efficiently in order to maximise recycling and reduce the amount of waste sent for treatment and disposal. To this end, we support The Waste and Resources Action Programme’s (WRAP) Waste Collection Commitment to “provide waste and recycling services which are good value for money and which will meet the needs of our residents”.

We are working to achieve Derbyshire and Derby City’s Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy recycling and composting target of 55% by 2020 and are looking to increase this to 65% by 2030.

What we do

The refuse and recycling service is comprised of:

- Residential kerbside collections on a **two-weekly cycle**, except at certain holiday periods
- Assisted residential collections where there is no one in the household who is able to put the bin on the front of the property
- Saturday refuse freighter collection service for areas that are more than five miles away from the tip.
- Commercial property collections
- Clinical and bulky waste collections
- Local waste and recycling points

For residential properties, we operate a weekly bin collection service over a two-week cycle, comprising a black bin for residual waste in the first week and a green bin for dry recyclable material together with a brown bin for organic waste in the second. Collections take place on a regular day each week, except for holidays, **with bins being returned to the designated presentation point for the property.**

A collection planner is delivered annually to each household, giving alternate days for holiday periods. Details of the type of waste to be placed in each bin are available on the Council's website (www.south-derbys.gov.uk).

For the black bin, we do not collect additional material in bags, but the inner caddy to the green bin used for paper and cardboard can be taken out to increase capacity. In addition, for weeks when a **green bin** collection is not made, extra recyclable waste **can be** placed in suitable containers outside the bin on the following collection day.

Householders can apply for a larger black bin where there are six or more people residing at the property, or where there are medical circumstances that require greater storage capacity.

Recycling also takes place at the main recycling centre at Newhall, as well as at eight smaller-scale places across the District where residents can deposit excess materials in recycling banks.

For commercial properties, waste collection is not covered by the business rates, so the service is provided on request and for which a charge is made. We provide a suitable container and required waste transfer notes to comply with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the legal obligations of businesses under the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991.

Under the Regulations, businesses must ensure that waste is removed either by a local authority or a licensed waste collection company. Also, the business must provide a written description of the waste to the person who removes it. This is known as a waste transfer note and must be completed by both parties involved.

We do not collect hazardous commercial waste, but the Environment Agency has a public register for licensed waste service providers.

Measuring our performance

Throughout our work, we aim to set clear targets and measure our achievement.

- **Minimise waste sent to landfill**

Household waste to be less than 120kgs per head of population

More than 53% of collected waste to be recycled and composted