

# Wheelie Bin Use and Guidance

Customers can sometimes put items in their bins for the convenience of disposal rather than considering the environment. Where possible, customers should minimize landfill through more efficient waste management.

## WASTE NOT COLLECTED

Your bin was found to contain unacceptable or hazardous waste and has not been emptied on this occasion.

The following wastes should not be placed in or next to your bin:

### Unacceptable waste

Garden Waste  
Construction Waste  
Electrical Appliances  
Scrap Metal

### Hazardous waste

Vehicle Batteries  
Motor Oil/Lubricants  
Paints/Solvents  
Agricultural Chemicals

To ensure future collection of waste please dispose appropriately at the Public Recycling Facility, Horse Point Landfill Site.



Occasionally a bin may be found to contain unacceptable or hazardous waste that is not able to be safely emptied into the RCV.

### Unacceptable wastes include:

- Garden waste (this can clog up the compactor)
- Construction waste (this can damage the compactor)
- Electrical Appliances (this can become a fire risk when compacted)
- Scrap Metal (this can damage the compactor)

### Hazardous wastes include:

- Vehicle batteries (this can become a fire risk when compacted)
- Motor Oil / Lubricants / Paints / Solvents (this can clog up the compactor)
- Agricultural Chemicals

In the event of discovery of unacceptable or hazardous waste in a bin, customers will find a green 'Waste Not Collected' label attached to their bin. WMS Staff will complete the form detailing which waste has been discovered and/or why the bin was not emptied. The use of 'Waste Not Collected' labels will ensure that customers become educated as to which wastes are acceptable in bins and minimise future occurrences of waste not being collected.

## Prevention of flies and maggots in bins

Waste Management Services have implemented efficient and sustainable processes to reduce the issue of flies and maggots in wheelie bins. This has included:

- Implementing twice-weekly emptying of communal domestic waste bins in Jamestown, followed by bin sanitation
- Increasing the number of street litter bins in Jamestown and rural areas
- Replacing old orange street litter bins with brown wheelie bins where possible. This increases waste capacity and with a lidded bin to reduce fly access
- Implementing a regular litter bin sanitation programme
- Providing advice for effective waste management and bin hygiene

WMS is not responsible for sanitizing commercial or individual household wheelie bins.

## Wheelie Bin Best Practice

- Bag your waste to prevent bins from getting dirty and smelling - it is the liquid at the bottom of a bin that attracts flies
- Ensure cardboard boxes are flat and bulky items are crushed to maximize bin space.
- Do not overload the bin and make sure the lid can shut as we cannot safely empty bins that are overloaded.
- Minimize the amount of waste generated by composting and recycling as much as possible.
- After emptying please clean the inside of the bin and around the lid with soap and water to kill bacteria to prevent infestation by flies and maggots.

## **Recycling**

The Public Recycling Facility at Horse Point Landfill Site provides customers with an opportunity to deposit waste in person. The facility enables the segregation of recyclable waste and some hazardous waste (motor and cooking oil, paint, batteries, waste electrical equipment etc.) for appropriate disposal. The separated waste within the facility is available for the public to retrieve for reuse or spare parts and includes:

- Glass (customers can also dispose of glass in red wheelie or Olympic street litter bins)
- Cans (customers can also dispose of cans in blue wheelie bins)
- Scrap Metal
- Wood
- Motor and Cooking Oil
- Paint
- Tyres
- Vehicle and Domestic Batteries
- White Goods and Small Electrical Appliances
- Textiles and Clothing
- Furniture
- Cardboard and Paper
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs

## **Food Waste Composting**

Composting is a natural process that transforms your kitchen waste into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden or to support community projects, whilst saving you money and reducing landfill. Items such as fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags, eggshells, grass cuttings and shredded paper can all be composted.