

6. Exemptions Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy by ensuring that as many households as possible have access to and use the full range of waste management services and to comply with the requirements of sections 46(3)(a) and 46(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

It is recognised that there may be circumstances where a premises is not suitable for a wheelie bin or bins or inclusion in all of the available Council provided recycling services.

Residual waste:

A property may be exempt from using a wheelie bin, if:

- (1) The front door opens directly onto the pavement; **or**
- (2) The front garden does not have available space of at least 1.00 square metre (10.7 square feet) **including** any space taken up by plants, pots, furniture, etc.: **or**:
- (3) There are more than 2 steps to gain access to the public highway **and** there is no space to store it at the boundary of the property;

AND:

- (4) There is no alternative means of bringing the bin to the boundary for collection; and:
- (5) There is no rear access to the property from an access road or the public highway.

Where this exemption applies a fortnightly residual waste collection service using black sacks shall be provided. The number of sacks put out for collection shall not exceed 4 that being the equivalent of the capacity of a 180 litre wheelie bin. Any sacks above 4 will be treated as side waste and not collected (see Policy number 5 – Side Waste).

Food and garden waste recycling service:

- (6) A property will be exempt from using the wheelie bin for the food and garden waste recycling service if it is already exempt from the use of the residual wheelie bin as set out above. In those circumstances the property will be provided with a kitchen and kerbside caddy for the storage and collection of food waste. A garden waste collection service **will not** be provided.
- (7) Where a property receives the residual wheelie bin service but where the front garden does not have an additional 1.00 square metre (10.7 square feet) **including** any space taken up by plants, pots, furniture, etc., it shall be exempted from the food and garden waste recycling wheelie bin but will instead be provided with a kitchen and kerbside caddy for the storage and collection of food waste. A garden waste collection service **will not** be provided.
- (8) Where the garden waste collection service cannot be provided the householder will be offered a home composter at no charge.