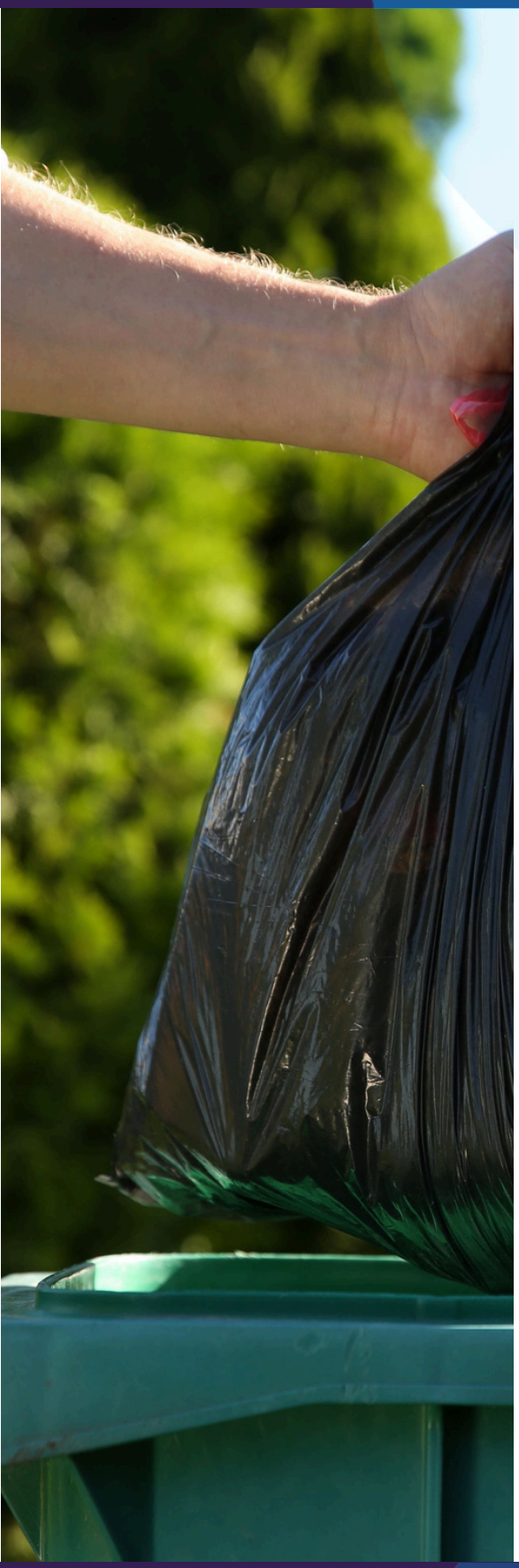


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Business Waste: Collections, Costs & Compliance

Understanding Business Waste



What Is Business Waste?

Every business produces waste, whether it's everyday office rubbish, packaging, food waste or materials generated through manufacturing and other activities.

Unlike household waste, businesses are responsible for arranging appropriate waste collections and ensuring their waste is handled and disposed of correctly.

Effective waste management isn't just about getting rid of rubbish. It's also about managing costs, meeting legal responsibilities and reducing your business's environmental impact.

Exploring Your Options

Many businesses arrange their commercial waste collections through their local council, often without realising there are other options available.

Businesses can choose from a range of licensed commercial waste providers, allowing them to compare prices, collection schedules and services to find arrangements that better suit their needs.

Choosing the right provider and collection schedule could help reduce unnecessary costs.

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Different Types of Waste

Different businesses produce different types of waste, each requiring appropriate handling, storage and disposal. Understanding the waste your business generates can help you choose suitable collection services, manage costs and meet your legal responsibilities.

General Waste

Everyday non-recyclable waste, such as contaminated packaging and materials that cannot be recycled.

Mixed Dry Recycling

Clean, dry materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, metal and glass that can be collected and processed for recycling.

Food Waste

Food scraps, leftovers and preparation waste. Under Simpler Recycling regulations, businesses must arrange separate food waste collections by their applicable deadline.

Hazardous Waste

Potentially harmful materials, including chemicals, solvents, paints and batteries, requiring specialist handling and disposal.

Hygiene Waste

Non-infectious sanitary and personal hygiene waste, such as sanitary products and incontinence waste, often requiring dedicated collections.

Clinical Waste

Healthcare-related waste, including infectious dressings and contaminated sharps, requiring appropriate specialist handling and disposal.

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Choosing the Right Bin Size



Why Does It Matter?

Choosing the right bin size can help your business manage waste efficiently and avoid unnecessary collection costs or overweight charges.

What Should You Consider?

Waste Volume

How much waste does your business produce? Higher volumes may require larger bins, while smaller businesses might only need compact options.

Collection Frequency

How often your waste is collected affects the capacity you need. More frequent collections may allow for smaller bins.

Available Space

Consider where your bins will be stored, ensuring there's enough room for safe access and collections.

Types of Waste

Different waste streams may require separate bins, including general waste, mixed recycling and food waste.

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Common Bin Sizes



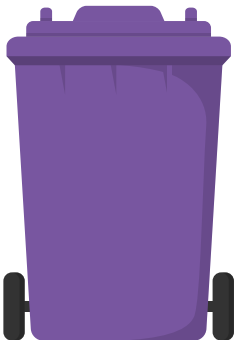
1100 Litre Bin

Ideal for businesses generating large volumes of waste, such as restaurants, hotels, supermarkets and larger commercial premises.



660 Litre Bin

Suitable for businesses producing moderate to high waste volumes, including offices, retail stores and smaller hospitality venues.



360 Litre Bin

A compact option offering additional capacity for small shops, cafés and offices with moderate waste requirements.



240 Litre Bin

Ideal for smaller businesses producing low volumes of waste, such as independent shops, salons and small offices.

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Waste Collections and Costs

The frequency of your waste collections can have a significant impact on your overall costs. Choosing a suitable schedule helps prevent overflowing bins while avoiding unnecessary collections.

How Often Should Your Waste Be Collected?

Weekly

A common option for businesses producing consistent waste volumes, including offices, shops and smaller commercial premises.

Fortnightly

May suit businesses generating smaller amounts of waste, where longer collection intervals are appropriate for the waste type.

Daily and monthly collections are also available, although these are less common. Daily collections may suit businesses generating particularly high waste volumes, such as busy restaurants, while monthly collections may be appropriate for businesses producing small amounts of suitable waste, such as dry recyclables.

What Affects the Cost of Waste Collections?

Type of Waste

Different waste streams have varying collection and disposal costs.

Size of Bins

Larger bins may cost more per collection, but won't need to be collected as often.

Collection Frequency

More frequent collections generally result in higher overall costs.

Location of Business

Costs vary depending on location and provider availability.

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Business Waste Compliance



Businesses have a legal responsibility to ensure their waste is stored, handled and disposed of correctly. Understanding these obligations can help you remain compliant and avoid potential penalties.

What Are Your Responsibilities?

Waste Duty of Care

Businesses must store waste securely, prevent it from escaping and ensure it is transferred to an authorised person or business.

Waste Transfer Notes

Waste Transfer Notes (WTNs) document the transfer of waste between parties. Businesses must keep copies for at least two years.

Authorised Waste Carriers

Businesses in England must follow Simpler Recycling requirements, including separating food waste and recyclables for collection.

Waste Separation & Recycling

Businesses in England must separate waste properly under Simpler Recycling rules to ensure waste is segregated and managed appropriately.

Failure to meet these obligations could result in enforcement action, including financial penalties.

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How We Can Help Your Business

Why Choose Reduce My Costs?

At Reduce My Costs, we take the hassle out of business waste management. Whether you're looking to reduce your existing costs or arrange new collections, our team can help you find a solution that suits your business.

Competitive Pricing

We compare a range of options to help you secure competitive rates, saving our customers an average of 50% on waste bills!

Reliable Collections

We work with trusted waste providers to arrange dependable collections that keep your business running smoothly.

Dedicated Customer Support

Our friendly team is on hand to answer questions, resolve issues and provide ongoing support with your waste services.

Flexible Collection Options

From bin sizes to collection frequencies and specialised streams, we help arrange waste services tailored to your requirements.

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