

New Guidelines effective from 15th June 2016.

Refuse Collection and Recycling Requirements for New Developments and Change of Use.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 St Albans City & District Council (SADC) offers a refuse and recycling collection service for all residents in the St Albans district where practicable and is working towards increasing the level of waste materials recycled in line with government's targets. In 2008/09, the Council's recycling rate was 55% and the amount of waste collected per head of population was 209.00 kg/p.h/h.

1.2 This guidance therefore aims to ensure that satisfactory provisions for the storage and collection of both refuse and recyclables are provided throughout the district. The guidance is written to be read in conjunction with the Building Regulations (Part H6: Solid Waste Storage – The Requirements) and does not in any way exempt the developer from the requirements specified in the Building Regulations.

Houses

2.0 Waste Collection

Since 2008 St Albans District Council operates an alternate week collection system.

This involves every house having 1 x 180 litre bin for residual waste and 1 x 240 litre bin for green waste (garden waste) along with a 240lt wheeled bin for cans plastic and glass and a 55lt box for paper and cardboard and a 23lt food waste caddy.

The residual waste bin is emptied on one week and the green waste bin, dry recycling and boxes on the alternate week.

Food waste is collected weekly.

2.1 Requirements for Collections and storage etc.

In all developments adequate provision not only needs to be made in the storage of wheeled bins, but for the collection and emptying of these containers by the Council's contractor (for details see part H6 of the Building Regulations titled "Solid Waste Storage-the Requirements").

3.0 Kerbside Recycling

Dry recyclables are collected from a 240lt wheeled bin for glass, cans and plastics and a 55 litre recycling box(s) for paper and cardboard.

We also supply a 240lt bin for garden waste.

These containers are emptied fortnightly from the boundary of the property

In addition, St Albans City and District Council collect food waste weekly in a 23lt caddy

Flats & HMO

4.0 Refuse collection.

St. Alban's District Council collect refuse weekly, 90lt per property so the size of the bin(s) should be calculated accordingly.

<http://www.straight.co.uk/products/plastic-wheeled-bins/>

(Please click on the link to see the bin dimensions/ specifications. We do not endorse Straight over any other bin supplier but their diagrams are very detailed and helpful- the bin sizes are standard across suppliers.)

The most commonly used bins are 660lt and 1100lt. Metal bins with flat lids are preferable.

The developer is responsible for providing the refuse containers.

For smaller blocks of 4 or 6 flats, SADC can provide 1x 180lt standard domestic wheeled bin for every 2 apartments.

For the provision of refuse, adequate space shall be provided in the waste storage area.

4.1 Recycling collection.

Recycling is collected every fortnight. SADC supply a bin for paper and cardboard and one for cans, plastics and glass.

SADC will supply the recycling bins and the size will depend on how many apartments they will be servicing;

1 – 5 flats – 2 x 360 litre bins

6 – 10 flats – 4 x 360 litre bins

11 – 15 flats – 6 x 360 litre bins

16 – 20 flats – 8 x 360 litre bins

In addition, St Albans City and District Council collect food waste weekly from one a 240lt communal bins; 1 per 10 dwellings.

There is no collection scheme proposed for garden waste. This is because the grassed/landscaped areas around flats are generally maintained by contractors on behalf of the Management Company/ Developers and therefore, such waste is considered commercial. St Albans District Council does not offer a commercial waste collection service.

Bins do not need to be placed on the boundary for collection.

4.2 Size and location.

The bin store are should be large enough to store the refuse and recycling bins but the drag distance from the bin area to the freighter should be no more than 9 metres.

Should a new bin area be built beyond this distance, it will become the responsibility of the managing agent or residents to bring the containers within 9 meters on collection day.

5.0 Additional information.

It is recognised that on some developments, the roads may remain private i.e. un-adopted. They may also be constructed in high quality finishes such as block paving. Nevertheless they will need to be constructed to an appropriate standard in terms of loading (to withstand the weight of the refuse vehicles e.g. up to 32 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight. and various recycling collection vehicles) and layout (turning circles etc). Generally, the Refuse Collection vehicles have a turning circle of between 18.3 and 22.3 metres and their size is approx 8.4 metres in length and 2.5 metres width. Care should also be taken to ensure that there are no height restrictions that would prevent access by the collection vehicles. Parking should be planned and designed to ensure that the access routes for the above vehicles are maintained at all reasonable times.

The maximum trundle distance from bin store to vehicle is 9 metres.

We would expect the developer to contact us when a development is nearing completion so that we can alert our waste contractors as to when collections should start and arrange to have the recycling bins delivered.

For enquiries regarding the above, please contact Waste Management Services either by phoning 01727 819428 or e-mail wastemanagementservices@stalbans.gov.uk