



# WASTE AND RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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### GUIDELINES FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING WITHIN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

As a nation, we now consume more resources and generate more waste than at any time in history, mainly because of our growing population and increasingly high standard of living. It is important that we take steps to tackle waste generation and put in place resource recovery services (such as recycling and organics services) to reduce the environmental impacts of our consumption and disposal habits.

Facilities for garage, recycling and organics are essential aspects of a building that are often overlooked or undervalued. A small amount of planning in the design stage can save a great deal of difficulty and inconvenience for residents, building managers and collection crews throughout the future life of the building. Good design can also encourage recycling, benefitting the whole community.

#### Bin Sizes

Bin Capacity	Footprint of bin
80L	550mm x 475mm
120L	550mm x 475mm
240L	720mm x 580mm
660L	1340mm x 980mm

#### 2 - 4 Dwellings

- Council waste collection services should be used.
- Ensure adequate space is provided for at least 2 bins for waste and recycling. Waste bins will be a maximum of 80L, collected weekly and recycling bins will be a maximum of 240L, collected fortnightly
- If the design has a garden, residents may require a green bin, space must also be provided for an extra bin. Green waste will either be 120L or 240L, with collection occurring fortnightly.
- The storage location of all bins must be shown on the plans at the correct sizes.
- Bins storage areas should be screened from the street and other public areas
- If timber is used for screening only use FSC or PEFC certified timber to ensure the timber is not illegally logged and managed sustainably.

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## 5 - 14 Dwellings

- Council waste collection services could be used.
- If Council waste services cannot be used please refer to the requirements for 15+ dwellings.
- A Waste Management Plan (WMP) must be submitted with the application, including all dimensions as outlined.
- The storage location of all bins must be shown on the plans at the correct sizes and they must be easy to access for all residents.
- Ensure adequate space is provided for at least 2 bins for waste and recycling. Waste bins will be a maximum of 80L, collected weekly and recycling bins will be a maximum of 240L, collected fortnightly
- If the design has a garden, residents may require a green bin, space must also be provided for an extra bin. Green waste will either be 120L or 240L, with collection occurring fortnightly.
- Ensure there is adequate space for all the waste and recycling bins within a minimum separation of 300mm between the bins on the street for collection. The bins must be drawn on the kerbside at the correct size, showing space between the bins and dimensions. The location of all nature strips, crossovers, trees including canopy width, electrical poles, etc must be shown.
- Bins for collection must be located a minimum of 500mm from the trunk of a tree.
- If there is inadequate space or to reduce the number of bins on the street, 240L waste bins can be shared between residents who reside in a one or two bedroom dwelling.
- Sharing of recycling bins may be possible, however this is subject to approval by Council and is not encouraged.
- If bins are shared between residents a condition must be written to state that the residents cannot obtain extra bins from the Council in the future.
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## 15 or More Dwellings

- In general private waste collection service should be used. However for large infill sites Council waste services may be possible and should always be considered.
- A Waste Management Plan (WMP) must be submitted with the application, including all dimensions as outlined.
- For large multistorey residential developments consider waste and recycling chutes on each floor. There have been new developments in chutes so they can be used safely for recycling with acoustic features to minimise noise.
- Provide adequate space for waste and recycling bins so collection is only required once a week. This will limit the number of trucks on the street and reduce noise impacts on residents and air pollution.
- The storage location of all bins must be shown on the plans at the correct sizes and they must be easy to access for all residents. They should be located close to where all residents wall, such as near lifts so recycling is convenient. They should be located on either the ground level or first basement level.
- All bins should be accessible at all times so if one bin is full another is easily accessed.
- If the design has a garden, residents may require a green bin, space must also be provided for an extra bin. Green waste will either be 120L or 240L, with collection occurring fortnightly.
- Bins storage areas should be screened from the street and other public areas
- If timber is used for screening only use FSC or PEFC certified timber to ensure the timber is not illegally logged and managed sustainably.
- Facilities for washing down bins must be provided.