

**WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**GUIDANCE FOR DEVELOPERS OF RESIDENTIAL SITES**  
**WASTE COLLECTIONS AND STREET CLEANING**

In addition to the following specific guidance, reference should be made to the widely accepted 2010 publication by ADEPT – Making Space for Waste.

**1. ACCESS AND VEHICLE SPECS**

ITEM	WDBC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
Extent of highway adoption	The collection service operates on adopted highway only. Collections are not made from private roads or parking areas. Extent of adopted highway accessible to collection vehicles should be related to lengths of carry from properties to collection point. Max 30m. Extent of intended highway adoption to be indicated on drawings. Properties must not be too far from collection points.
Collection points	Collection points for recycling and refuse must be at nearest point on the adopted highway. It is not generally acceptable to accumulate waste sacks and containers for collection outside other properties or on street corners etc. Collection points for each property to be indicated on drawings
Communal collection points	It may be necessary to construct communal collection points that collection vehicles can access. This may apply to detached and terraced houses as well as flats/apartments. Communal collection points to be indicated on drawings.
Engineering standards	Collection vehicle max laden weight is 26 tonnes. Highway surfaces including block paved must be designed to support 26 tonnes. Paving block thickness must exceed 80mm.
Width of carriageway	Max width of vehicles in use is 2.55 m excluding wing mirrors.
Cornering radii	Max overall length of collection vehicles is 9.267 m. Max wall to wall turning circle is 20.42m. Overrun areas may be needed on curves and corners.
Residential parking	Sufficient off highway parking to discourage any parking on footways, and to give a clear carriageway width to accommodate 2.55m max collection vehicle width excluding wing mirrors . Off highway parking should be maximised.
Turning heads	Vehicles must be able to turn at the road end and egress forwards. Reversing is not

	acceptable. Max wall to wall turning circle of vehicles is 20.42 m
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## 2. CONTAINER SPECIFICATIONS PER HOUSEHOLD

Type and number	Dimensions (length x breadth x height)
Unlimited number of black refuse sacks or equivalent bags or bins which householder provides. Private traditional style dustbins are acceptable. Private wheeled bins may be used but must not be too deep for crews to reach into as they are not lifted. Materials in bins to be bagged.	Standard sizes.
2 x boxes for dry recyclables	55 litre each. 600 x 420 x 370 mm
1 x kitchen caddy for food waste	7 litre each. 245 x 200 x 220 mm
1 x food waste bin	21 litre each. 345 x 290 x 365 mm
2 x garden waste dumpy bags	90 litre each. 450 x 480 x 480 mm

## 3. HOUSEHOLD STORAGE

ITEM	WDBC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
Refuse	Collected every other week. Need secure storage for two weeks' refuse in householder's sacks/containers. Please provide details in detailed application.
Dry recyclables	Collected weekly. Separated at source. Space for 2 boxes per household. Please provide details in detailed application.
Food waste	Collected weekly. Separated at source. Space in kitchen for small caddy. Space for one larger bin to be placed on the street for collection. Please provide details in detailed application.
Garden waste	Collected every other week. Separated at source. Space for two garden waste bags. Please provide details in detailed application.

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#### 4. EXTERNAL STORAGE

ITEM	WDBC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
General external household storage. Containers as section 3	<p>Storage locations on the property should not be more than 30m from the point of collection.</p> <p>Passage of a container from store to collection point should avoid steps, but where unavoidable should be over no more than 3 steps.</p> <p>Gradients over which containers must be carried should not exceed 1 in 12.</p> <p>Containers should not have to be moved through a building from store to collection point.</p>
Communal collection points for residential low rise	<p>If required due to site layout and access, they must be well placed for collection, in line with carrying distances, well designed for function and appearance. Shared ongoing cleaning and maintenance must be put in place.</p> <p>Provide details and locations if applicable.</p>
Communal collection points for flats/apartments	<p>Must be well placed for collection, in line with carrying distances, well designed for function and appearance. Shared ongoing cleaning and maintenance must be put in place. Shared containers for different materials may be an option.</p> <p>Provide details and locations if applicable.</p>
Garden waste	<p>Provision for composting should be made in all dwellings with a garden. An area of 2m x 1m should be allocated, with suitable drainage.</p> <p>Provide details.</p>

## 5. STREET CLEANSING

ITEM	WDBC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
Extent of highway adoption	The council has a duty to clean adopted highway only. For unadopted areas, shared ongoing cleaning and maintenance must be put in place.
Width of carriageway	Vehicle movement space is within that needed for waste collection vehicles.
Corner radii	Vehicle movement space is within that needed for waste collection vehicles.
Turning heads	Vehicle movement space is within that needed for waste collection vehicles.
Residential parking	Parking on streets and footways makes cleaning difficult or impossible, and costly. Off highway parking should be maximised.
Paving materials	The requirement is for a long term pleasing appearance. Street sweepers using suction can remove sand from paviour joints and therefore cannot be used to give a thorough clean. Pale colours become stained with vehicle oils which are beyond the scope of local authority cleansing. Consider the practicality of cleaning and the long term appearance when choosing paving materials and colours.

## 6. CONSTRUCTION PHASE

ITEM	WDBC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
Collection of recycling and refuse	The Council requires the developer to facilitate the collection of the full range of recycling and refuse materials from the time of first occupation by a householder. This to include as necessary:- Ensuring access for standard collection vehicles on the allocated day, over an acceptable surface, without obstruction from tradesmen's vans or other site works. OR The developer makes arrangements to collect the materials on behalf of householders and present them on collection day at an agreed access point for the collection vehicles.
New householder arrangements	The developer is to contact the Council and make arrangements to hold a stock of the appropriate containers and householder instructions, and to distribute them to each new

	occupant.
Street cleansing	No Council street cleansing will start until the adoption of the highway is completed, and the Council has been notified by Devon County Council that the Maintenance Period has ended.