

Waste and Cleansing Policies: Special uplift policy (household waste)

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Control schedule

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Policy statement

- 1.1 This policy describes the Special Uplift service for bulky household waste.

Scope

- 2.1 The overall policy sets out the operation of the Special Uplift service for the collection of bulky household waste.
- 2.2 The policy covers the use of charges to contribute towards the provision of the service, as well as presentation of the items, and lists some items which would not be collected as part of this service.

Definitions

- 3.1 “Waste” in this context relates to items or materials which are being discarded for disposal to landfill or energy recovery, while “recycling” relates to items which will be recycled.
- 3.2 In this context waste relates to household waste only, and the policy makes clear that no service will be provided for other types of waste.

Policy content

- 4.1 Appendix 1 presents the policy for the operation of the Special Uplift service.

Implementation

- 5.1 This policy will be maintained by the Council’s Waste and Cleansing Service.
- 5.2 All services outlined are already in place.

Roles and responsibilities

- 6.1 The Waste and Cleansing Manager has overall responsibility for maintaining and updating the policy.

Related documents

- 7.1 None

Equalities impact

- 8.1 No negative equalities impacts have been identified as a result of this policy.
- 8.2 The policy includes provision to provide assistance to people who are unable to present their items due to a disability or medical condition.
- 8.3 This service provides a way to dispose of bulky items for people who are not able to access a Household Waste Recycling Centre for financial reasons.

Sustainability impact

- 9.1 Waste and Cleansing policies are designed to support integrated recycling services as part of an overall waste management service.
- 9.2 Ensuring that residents have access to comprehensive recycling services maximises the diversion of waste from landfill.
- 9.3 The policy supports the use of the national Reuse Helpline which encourages reuse rather than disposal of items, and so delivers wider social benefits.

Risk assessment

- 10.1 This policy has been agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee as part of the policy assurance process which seeks to ensure increased accountability, transparency and efficiencies concerning Council actions and operations.
- 10.2 Failure to operate efficient, reliable and customer focussed services represents a risk to the Council's reputation.

Review

- 11.1 All Waste and Cleansing Policies will be reviewed on an annual basis and agreed at Transport and Environment Committee

Appendix 1:

SPECIAL UPLIFT POLICY (HOUSEHOLD WASTE)

Special uplifts are available for household waste only to uplift larger or other items not dealt with by routine waste collection services, such as mattresses, furniture and large household items. A charge is levied for these services.

Charges will be set annually and advertised on our website.

Where practicable arrangements should be made to allow items to be reused. Support for this is available from the National Reuse Helpline, and further information is available from our website:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bulkyuplifts

Additional charges:

There is a charge for each individual item uplifted. Up to 10 items will be collected per uplift.

Additional charges will apply for garden waste, rubble, tiles and plasterboard.

Items not covered by this service:

Some items will not be covered by the service. These are:

- pianos
- storage heaters
- household wheelie bins
- car tyres
- safes
- barbed wire
- spot welders
- gas cylinders
- garden poles with cement still attached
- oxygen cylinders
- cast iron baths
- asbestos/ hazardous wastes
- electric or manual wheel chairs
- fire extinguishers
- food or sanitary products
- car batteries
- clinical waste
- liquid waste (e.g. oil and paint)

Presentation of items for Special Uplift:

Waste must be on the pavement in front of property by 7am on the specified day of collection. Waste must not be presented at any other time. Staff will not normally be

able to enter any property or building to uplift waste. Only those items specified at the time of booking will be uplifted.

Special Uplift assisted collections are available where all members of a household are unable to present their items due to a disability or medical condition but must be requested at the point of booking the uplift.