

Use of council issued containers

This policy outlines the Council's response on resident's use of wheelie bins, clear sacks, blue boxes, kitchen and kerbside caddy's (collectively referred to as the "container") and unauthorised containers.

Containers remain the property of Epping Forest District Council (EFDC).

Containers are issued for the use of residents to dispose of their waste and recycling according to the requirements of the various waste and recycling schemes operated by the Council and should not be used for any other purpose.

The containers must not be removed from the property to which they were issued. The council reserves the right to recharge the full cost to the previous resident if this is done without written permission of the council's Waste Management Team.

The containers and the approved materials for each container are shown on the Council's website and printed information such as the six monthly calendars.

If a resident uses any container for a non authorised use or applies non authorised labelling or stickers of any kind to the container the Council will not be liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused and the resident shall be held liable for the costs of any repair or replacement of any container.

Residents are responsible for the safekeeping and security of their containers. The Council advises that residents should ensure that costs of replacement of containers are included in household insurance policies.

The Council issues containers in line with the Container and Exception Policies. The Council will not collect any containers not issued to that property by EFDC. This includes unauthorised EFDC bins & containers.

The Council reserves the right to reclaim any EFDC containers that are not authorised and residents are required to return to the Council such unauthorised containers no matter how obtained.