

Side Waste Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy through constraining the amount of household waste entering the waste stream and ensuring that only approved containers are used for the collection of residual waste and recyclable materials and to comply with the requirements of sections 46(3) (a) and 46(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

“Side Waste” is residual or food and garden waste put out for collection which is **not contained within the official wheelie bin or kerbside caddy** issued to that residence for that service or recycling in the wrong sack or container.

“Side Waste” does not include Small WEEE, batteries or textiles which are collected via a resident supplied carrier sized bag.

- (1) **No side waste will be collected** by the residual collection service **except** for polystyrene, which needs to be secure and visible.
- (2) Where a sack based residual collection service is provided, any sacks exceeding 4 in number put out for a single collection from a single property will be classed as side waste.
- (3) **No side waste will be collected** by the food and garden recycling service.
- (4) All other recycling (glass, paper, plastic, cans etc.) collection services will take any correct material that is placed out for collection in clear plastic sacks or other suitable containers that are classed as recycling such as a cardboard box. If you have cardboard boxes not used as a container these need to be broken down flat (flat packed).
- (5) **No recycling side waste will be collected** if placed in black plastic sacks or where recycling is left outside of the wheeled bins that are used in a location for this service including flats.
- (6) To ensure what wheelie bins and lids are not damaged during the collection and lifting process wheelie bin lids of all wheeled bins presented for collection should be fully closed.
- (7) All bin compounds in communal or flats blocks must be kept clear of side waste on the floor to enable collections to take place. The council will not collect any waste not contained within the wheeled bins.

What materials go into each Collection can be found on the Council’s website at <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/what-goes-in-each-bin/>