

Policy Name	Unadopted Roads Waste & Recycling Collection Policy
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1.0 Purpose of Policy

To establish a policy for establishing the criteria for collecting waste and recycling containers from unadopted roads. 'Unadopted' roads are those roads not maintained by a highway authority as defined by Highways Act 1980.

2.0 Standard Service

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA) places a duty upon local authorities, as the Waste Collection Authority, to collect household waste within in its area. As a general rule, the authority collects household waste from the nearest adopted road. The EPA allows the local authority to specify where receptacles should be placed for collection.

There are currently a number of households, mainly in the rural areas, which receive a recycling (food waste, garden waste or recyclables) or refuse service that requires collection vehicles to travel along unadopted roads and tracks. In some cases, these are in poor condition and consequently access can be difficult and potentially hazardous. This practice is to be avoided.

3.0 Criteria for collecting from unadopted roads

- 3.1 The following list is the minimum requirement that should be fulfilled in order for collection from an unadopted road to be provided:
- The road surface is in a good state of repair, free of potholes and/or is of asphalt (or a similar bound surface)
 - There should be a minimum of 5 households located on the private road (although the service may be provided to fewer properties where the alternative road end collection is deemed to be hazardous or undesirable for any other reason and provided all other criteria are met)
 - The road is at least 3 metres in width without obstruction from trees, shrubs, cables, etc. which could cause damage to the side of the vehicle or mirrors
 - The minimum height clearance should be 3.75 metres without obstruction from overhanging branches, cables etc. which could cause damage to the lighting on the roof of the vehicle
 - There should be sufficient turning area to allow a 10.5 metre long vehicle to turn in no more than three manoeuvres

- There are no health and safety risks to recycling and waste collection vehicles and/ or employees arising from road conditions such as adverse cambers; poor visibility at bends; risk of flooding; unprotected steep embankments

4.0 Criteria not met

4.1 In cases where the road does not meet the required standards defined in Paragraph 1, as assessed by a Council Officer, residents are required to place their waste or recycling in the container provided on the pavement or verge of the nearest adopted road to their property.

Where multiple containers are required to be placed at a road end for collection, residents must ensure that these are placed off the road and are not obstructing the pavement or footpath.

4.2 Where a location meets the criteria in this policy but the access road then falls below the minimum standards, householders will be notified that remedial action is required.

If the road condition is considered to be likely to cause a serious safety issue householders will be informed and the service will revert to the nearest adopted road with immediate effect.

Where the defect is less serious, letters will be sent to householders giving a reasonable timeframe for action to be taken. If this is not carried out to the service's satisfaction within that time the service will be withdrawn and revert to collection from the nearest adopted road. Householders may re-apply for service re-instatement at a later date.

5.0 Assisted Collections

Householders who are physically unable to present their bins at the designated collection point, and who have applied and been granted an assisted collection (in accordance with Waste Container and Collections Policy Report to CH&I Committee in October 2014), will be entitled to a collection service from their doorstep.

The authority will make arrangements to enable this, in some cases this may mean an alternative collection method or collection day from the standard service.

6.0 Review

There will be no regular review of properties eligible for collection from unadopted roads. Review of collection points will take place on an as required basis when a request is received either from the collection crews or the householder.

References

Waste Containers and Collections Policy 2014 (refer to assisted collection info only).