

Restricted Residual Policy

Introduction

1. It is the duty of the Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) to arrange for the collection and disposal of household waste as stated in Section 45 and 48 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA).
2. From the 1st October 2019 CCC will operate a policy of restricted residual waste, both from kerbside collections and at household waste recycling centres (HWRCs).
3. This document details the policy.

Kerbside Residual Waste Restriction

- 4 The EPA (46(1)) permits Councils to require householders to place waste for collection in receptacles of a kind and number specified. On this basis a restriction on the amount of residual (refuse/black bag waste) is enforced within the CCC.
- 5 The following **RESTRICTION** is applicable within CCC:
 - a. Households are permitted to put out for collection **3** black bags of residual waste (refuse/black bag waste) per fortnight;
 - b. **Householders are to provide black bags** for residual waste collections, the Council is not able to supply bags to householders;
 - c. Each bag must be no larger than **1 metre in length and 750 mm** in diameter, oversized bags (such as wheelie bin liners) will not be collected;
 - d. Where householders leave additional black bags out for collection, they will not be collected, and the householder will be subject to CCC Enforcement Policy.
- 6 Use of **DUSTBINS AND WHEELED BINS**:
 - a. Use of wheeled bins are permitted for storage purposes only, on collection day householders must put their three bags on the kerbside for collection, and not the wheeled bin.
 - b. In place of wheeled bins, householders may use standard 'dustbin(s)' to store their black bags on the kerbside. However, the dustbin(s) must be of a standard size (80 to 90 litres) and the householder must still house their waste in black bags (maximum of three);
- 7 Note: The restriction only applies to residual (refuse/black bag waste), there is no restriction to the amount of recycling that householders put out for collection.
- 8 **Christmas Collections:** The restriction will not apply over the Christmas and New Year period. Details will be communicated locally nearer the time.

9 Exemptions:

- 10 If householders recycle all that they can within CCC's current services, but are unable to restrict the number of black bags that they put out for collection to three bags per fortnight, they may apply for an exemption;
- 11 This may be for reasons such as;
 - they produce nappy/AHP waste;
 - they have 6 or more residents living in their household;
 - they produce coal ash waste from indoor fireplaces or
 - other special circumstances.
12. To apply for an exemption, the householder should contact the Council Contact Centre. An advisor will discuss the householder's needs over the phone, following which a house visit by a Waste Advisor may be arranged.
13. The application of any exemption, including the number of extra bags that a householder may be permitted to put out for collection, will be at the discretion of the Advisor/Waste team. The Advisor will inform the householder of the number of extra bags permitted during their phone call/visit.
14. If the exemption is granted the Council will supply the householder with an appropriate sticker to be placed on additional bags that are presented for collection.
15. Householders that have been granted an exemption may be required to re-register for the exemption periodically. CCC will agree the required re-registration period with the applicable households at the point that the exemption is granted.
16. Where householders put out additional waste for collection as per the exemptions stated above, only the extra number of bags as permitted by the Council will be collected. Any other waste put out for collection above the householders' 3-bag limit will not be collected and the applicable education and enforcement procedure will be utilised by CCC.
17. All waste and recycling must be placed out by 6am on the morning of collection to ensure collection (but not before 6pm the previous evening)
- 18. Education and enforcement of the restriction:**
19. CCC will educate householders about the requirements of restricted residual waste in the first instance. Enforcement will be used only for those householders and persons that have received prior education and guidance, which has then not been adhered to.
20. The following policy will be utilised when a householder places more than 3 black bags out on collection day:

- a. First occurrence: Additional bags will be left and stickered by crews. Householders will be asked to take the bags back in, remove recyclables and only place three bags out in future. No further enforcement action will be taken
- b. Second occurrence: Additional bags will again be stickered and left by crews. The household will be subject to CCC's Enforcement Policy.

HWRC Residual Waste Restriction and Proof of Residency

21. The following restriction applies in Carmarthenshire County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres:

- c. Unsorted black bag waste is not accepted at the household waste recycling centres (HWRCs).
- d. Householders are instead required to sort all recyclable material from non-recyclable materials prior to arriving at the HWRCs.
- e. On arriving at the HWRCs, householders are required to place recyclable items in the relevant recycling container, and only non-recyclable items in the residual waste (refuse/black bag) skip.
- f. If a person arrives at the HWRCs with unsorted waste, they will be given the option to either sort their black bags in a designated sorting area at the site, or return home to sort their black bag waste.
- g. Any bags sorted on site must be sorted by householders, site staff will be able to provide guidance but will not assist with the sorting.
- h. The deposit of recyclable items in the residual skips will not be permitted.

22. Proof of Residency:

23. Any person visiting the HWRCs in the CCC will be required to produce proof of residency when requested by site staff (meet and greet staff or other).
24. Proof of residency will be taken to include items such as driving licence, council tax bill or recent utility bill (within 3 months) with a CCC address.
25. Those who are not able to produce proof of residency when requested, will be turned away from the site.

26. Education and enforcement:

27. Any person that leaves unsorted black bag waste at, or in the vicinity of, the HWRCs, will be considered to have committed the offence of 'flytipping' as per s34 of the EPA 1990, and will be subject to CCCs Enforcement Policy.