

## What will happen if I fail to do this?

As a business you have a duty of care to manage your waste responsibly. If you leave your trade waste bags or containers in public for more than one hour, or outside the new collection times, the Council will take action which could result in a fine of up to £1,000.

If you are struggling with storage space, your trade waste carrier will be able to advise you about solutions such as bagged waste collections, alternative bin sizes or changing the frequency of your collections.

## When do the changes start and what will happen?

The Council will place a sticker on any trade waste containers stored on Roads (streets, pavements or lanes). All details will be photographed, dated and logged.

The sticker will be placed on the container at least four weeks prior to the 1st of April 2018 - the date from which you must be compliant within the City centre.

After this date the Council will remove any trade waste containers left on the road. Your trade waste carrier will be charged for emptying and removal of the waste container.

Remember it is **your** responsibility as a business to ensure you are compliant with the new policy. You should speak to your trade waste carrier in the first instance, who will be able to give you advice on how to adjust to the changes. You can also find more information, including maps and dates, on the following website:

<https://www.glasgowcitycentrestrategy.com/project/commercial-waste>

## Why are we making these changes?

Glasgow is famous for being a vibrant city, however, trade waste containers left on streets are detrimental to its appearance and cause litter, public safety problems and prevent access to public spaces. These changes, following the pilot project, are being rolled out across the City from April 2018

The new policy will require businesses to comply with their legal responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and the Waste (Scotland) Regulations (2012).

# Making Glasgow a cleaner, greener and safer city



Your guide to the new trade waste procedures



## What's changing?

The Council is changing its policy for the way businesses put their trade waste containers out on public spaces (e.g. streets, roads, lanes). This will help to make Glasgow a cleaner, greener and safer city.

Trade waste will only be allowed on the streets at certain times of day instead of being left there all the time. This means you will need to store your business waste in your own premises or land, and then put it out for collection during a pre-arranged time slot.

The changes affect all businesses that store their waste containers on public space. You will not be affected if you already store your waste and have it collected from within your own private premises.

## What is trade waste?

Trade waste is any rubbish or recycling produced by businesses.

- Trade waste containers include:
- bins (eg 1280 litres, 1100 litres, 660 litres)
- wheelie bins
- recycling bins and boxes
- food waste containers and bins
- bags of waste/rubbish.

## The changes

Trade waste containers are not allowed to be stored on roads.

Bins or bags of waste may be put out for collection on streets for a maximum of one hour during the following times only:

- 07.30 - 11.00
- 17.00 - 23.00
- You should agree the timescale with your waste contractor
- If it remains uncollected after one hour, you should remove it from the street, store it on your premises and contact your waste carrier to arrange its collection.
- All bags and bins must be clearly marked with your business name and agreed collection time. Waste may only be placed on the street when the business is staffed and never overnight. Waste containers must be placed as near to the edge of a business property as possible, whilst ensuring there is clear pedestrian access. It is your responsibility to arrange when your waste will be collected with your trade waste carrier.

