Replacement Charging Policy for Household Recycling and Waste Containers

The Council has provided all existing suitable households with a 140 litre burgundy wheeled bin for residual waste, a 140 litre blue bin for dry recyclable waste and, where applicable, a green bin for garden waste. All waste containers provided by the Council remain the property of the Council.

From October 2025 the Council charge for all replacement bins according to the criteria below.

Current Charges

Container Type	Current Charge	Conditions
Replacement of a standard 140l bin (damaged beyond repair).	Free of Charge	Your damaged bin must be made available to swap for your replacement bin. See terms and conditions (1.8)
Replacement of a larger 240l bin (damaged beyond repair).	Free of Charge	Your damaged bin must be made available to swap for your replacement bin. See terms and conditions (1.8)
Replacement of a standard 140l bin (lost or stolen).	Free of Charge/ current admin charge	See terms and conditions for qualification (1.6)
Replacement of a larger 240l bin (lost or stolen).	Free of Charge/ current admin charge	See terms and conditions for qualification (1.6)
Repair of a damaged 140l bin (lid/axle/wheels).	Free of Charge	Your damaged bin must be made available for repair.
Repair of a damaged 240l bin (lid/axle/wheels).	Free of Charge	Your damaged bin must be made available for repair.
Request for a larger 240 general waste bin	Free of Charge	Households of 6 persons or more may request an exchange for a larger bin. Your current bin must be made available to swap for your replacement bin.
Request for a larger 240l green bin to replace a smaller 140l green waste bin	Free of Charge (as long as the bin being removed is in a serviceable condition)	Your current bin must be made available to swap for your replacement bin. See terms and conditions (1.8)

1. Householder Ownership and Responsibility

1.1 All waste bins supplied to householders for the purpose of the waste and recycling collection service shall remain the property of the Council.

1.2 The bin charge covers the administration of processing your order and the delivery of your bin only. Bins cannot be collected from the Council to reduce the cost.

1.3 Additional bins cannot be supplied.

1.4 When householders move home they are required to leave all wheeled bins at the property for the new occupants. Where this does not occur, new occupiers may recover costs for the payment of bins from the previous owners at their own discretion. The Council will not be involved in these negotiations.

1.5 Your wheeled bins should be placed at the edge of your property, shared drive, service strip or agreed collection point by 7.30am on your day of collection and removed from here after collection on the same working day. They should be secured within the boundary of the property at all other times.

1.6 If the bin goes missing/stolen, the householder must report this to the council. You will be asked to wait for 7 days and check the surrounding area to see if the bin can be located. If the bin is not found, the police will be notified of your details and a reference number will be obtained, the bin will then be replaced. Delay in reporting the missing/stolen bin may result in a charge being made for the bin.

1.7 Your waste will not be collected unless it is presented in the correct Ribble Valley Borough Council receptacles.

1.8 Replacement of the container when the damage is caused by the householder will be charged at the current admin rate (please see Fees & Charges, page 13, Provision of Domestic Wheeled Bins)

2. Ribble Valley Borough Council's Responsibility

2.1 Replacement wheeled bins will be delivered when resources are available.

2.2 There are occasions where a wheeled bin may get damaged during collection, or be lost in the back of the collection vehicle. If this happens, our crews will report this information to the depot and you will receive a replacement bin free of charge.

2.3 The wheeled bin provided may be new or refurbished, but will be of sufficient standard for the storage and collection of waste.

2.4 The Council will deliver the replacement bin within the boundary of the property if access is available or next to the most appropriate door

3. Rented Properties

3.1 It is the landlord's responsibility to arrange for the provision of bins at the rented property

3.2 It is the responsibility of the landlord to ensure any bins which have been delivered to a property remain at the property when the tenant leaves.

3.3 The Council will not be involved in disputes between landlords and tenants regarding the supply of bins.

4. Flats

4.1 Buildings which are divided into separate accommodation units ie flats will be provided with communal bins as space allows. Each accommodation unit will be charged accordingly for a full set of bins if appropriate, ie no garden, no green bin

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