

## What will happen if I fail to comply?

As a business you have a duty of care to manage your waste responsibly. Should your trade waste bins be found on the street or pavement out with the allotted time slots, or for longer than permitted, enforcement action may be taken which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000. If trade waste bags are left on the street outwith the allotted time slots, or for longer than permitted, your business may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £200. All trade waste must be suitably contained as not to cause litter. Enforcement action may be taken for any litter caused by overflowing bins or burst bags presented by your business.

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?

You must be compliant by **1st March 2023**.

After 1st March 2023, the Council will remove bins\* under Section 59 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 in the following circumstances: -

- a] if a commercial waste contractor has not obtained a Commercial Waste Permit to store their containers on the public roads and footways within the enforcement area;
- b] if a Commercial Waste Permit has been issued to a waste contractor but their bins are still stored on the public roads and footways within the enforcement area out with presentation times specified in their Commercial Waste Permit.

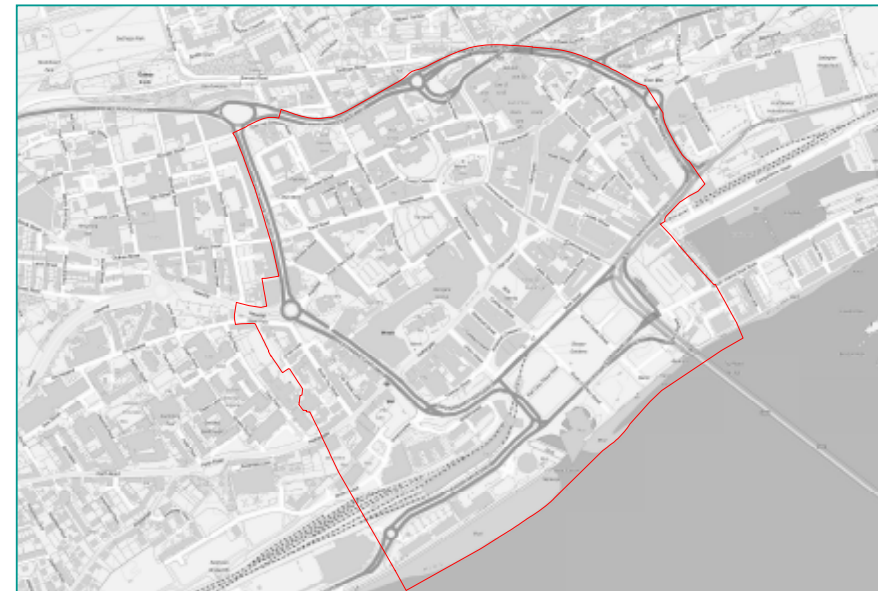
\* costs will be incurred

c] if a Commercial Waste Permit is in effect but trade waste bins or bags are presented out with the allotted times and 90-minute presentation window then the businesses responsible will be served with a notice under Section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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:

[www.dundee.gov.uk/commercialwastepilot](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/commercialwastepilot)

**Designated Zone** (as shown in red)



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Your guide to the new trade waste procedures





## What's changing?

The Council is changing its procedure for the way businesses put their trade waste containers out on public spaces (e.g. streets, roads, lanes). This will initially be a 12-month pilot and if deemed a success, it will become permanent.

Trade waste will only be allowed on the streets at certain times of day. 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 new policy will require businesses to comply with their legal responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and the Waste (Scotland) Regulations (2012).

### The changes

Trade waste containers are not allowed to be permanently stored on public roads or footways. Your Trade Waste contractor must also apply for a permit to allow their containers to be out on the public roads during a 90-minute window.

Bins or bags of waste may be put out for collection on public roads and footways for a maximum of 90 minutes during the following times only:

- 07.00 - 11.00
- 16.00 - 20.00

If your waste remains uncollected after 90 minutes, you should remove it from the street, store it on your premises and contact your waste carrier to arrange another 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.

## Why are we making these changes?

Dundee is a vibrant city, however, trade waste containers left on public roads and footways are detrimental to its appearance and cause litter, public safety problems and prevent access to public spaces.

The project has the following key objectives:

- To reduce the amount of trade waste containers on the public roads and footways and improve the appearance and cleanliness of the public realm in the city centre;
- To encourage businesses to minimise waste and recycle more; and
- To reduce public safety issues by removing tripping hazards, accessibility issues and bins blocking pavements/streets/lanes.

## 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

