

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Waste & Recycling Specification

At present GMFRS are internally segregating domestic waste on site into three separate waste streams. These are:

- General waste (consisting of mixed, non-hazardous waste)
- Paper and card
- Mixed recycling (clean plastics and cans)

This internal segregation is intended to support the reduction of waste we produce, implementing the waste hierarchy and improving on recycling rates. Internal general waste bins are to be lined with black bin liners and internal recycling bins are to be lined with clear bin liners to enable identification of relevant recyclable material by the waste contractor.

As a minimum, GMFRS implement one external general waste bin and one external mixed recycling bin at each site (mixed recycling for clean plastics, cans, paper and card). However, where waste volumes for specific recyclables are of a sufficient quantity, and waste contractors are able to support, additional external bins may be implemented for specific waste streams. Bins are to be stored in a designated external bin area which enables the safe, secure storage of waste.

External bins are expected to be labelled appropriately in order to enable staff based at our sites to understand waste disposal routes better and effectively facilitate effective recycling. All bins must also meet the requirement of BSEN 840 or equivalent.

Waste contractors are appointed based on their capability to deliver a solution to effectively implement the waste hierarchy. Typically, this involves segregating recyclable material, where found, from general waste as well as segregating recyclables into specific recyclable material streams. Any residual non-hazardous general waste is typically disposed of via energy from waste.