

CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES

Relevant for new homes being built in the UK

Information taken from November 2010 revision from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/codeguide>

Extracts from this document are quoted below in italics.

Recycologic bins are fully compliant with the requirements of the Code for Sustainable Homes November 2010 whether you are applying for 2 or 4 points. The fact that Recycologic bins are cupboard mounted and have large capacities means that compliance may be achieved even with the 400 model (smallest in the range) mounted in a 400mm wide kitchen base unit. The 450, 500 or 600 models provide full code compliance too AND leave additional capacity for non-recyclable waste too - the 450 model provides all this in a 450mm wide kitchen base unit.

The code for sustainable homes refers to 'adequate internal space' being provided for recycling waste as follows:

Adequate internal space

This refers to the indoor space supplied for storing non-recyclable waste and recyclable materials. Internal recycling bins must be located in a dedicated non- obstructive position. This must be in a cupboard in the kitchen, close to the non- recyclable waste bin, or located adjacent (within 10 m) to the kitchen in a utility room or connected garage. Free-standing recycling bins that are placed directly on the floor or in a cupboard do not comply.

The code states that 2 points are available if the following criteria are met:

Storage of recyclable household waste

Dedicated internal storage for recyclable household waste can be credited where there is no (or insufficient) dedicated external storage capacity for recyclable material, no Local Authority collection scheme and where the following criteria are met:

At least three internal storage bins:

- all located in an adequate internal space*
- with a minimum total capacity of 60 litres.*

The code states that 4 points are available if the following criteria are met:

Storage of recyclable household waste

A combination of internal storage capacity provided in an adequate internal space, with either:

- a Local Authority collection scheme, or*
- no Local Authority collection scheme but adequate external storage capacity.*

Local Authority collection scheme

In addition to a Local Authority collection scheme (with a collection frequency of at least fortnightly), at least one of the following requirements must be met:

- *Recyclable household waste is sorted after collection and a single bin of at least 30 litres is provided in an adequate internal space.*
- *Materials are sorted before collection and at least three separate bins are provided with a total capacity of 30 litres. Each bin must have a capacity of at least 7 litres and be located in an adequate internal space.*
- *An automated waste collection system which collects at least three different types of recyclable waste.*

No Local Authority collection scheme but adequate external storage capacity

For houses and flats there must be at least three identifiably different internal storage bins for recyclable waste located in an adequate internal space:

- *with a minimum total capacity of 30 litres*
- *with a minimum individual capacity of at least 7 litres.*

AND

For houses, an adequate external space must be provided for storing at least three external bins for recyclable waste:

- *with a minimum total capacity of 180 litres*
- *with a minimum individual capacity of 40 litres.*

For flats, a private recycling scheme operator must be appointed to maintain bins and collect recyclable waste regularly.

Recycling containers must:

- *be located in an adequate external space*
- *be sized according to the frequency of collection, based on guidance from the recycling scheme operator*
- *store at least three types of recyclable waste in identifiably different bins.*

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