



Dear Waste Collection Provider,

Dublin City Council is writing to formally advise you of our intention to remove the bagged street designation from the streets identified as Phase 3 of the Bag-Free Streets programme. It is currently envisaged that the derogation permitting household and commercial waste to be presented in plastic bags on public streets will be lifted with **effect from 6 July 2026**.

The streets to which this applies are those highlighted in the Phase 3 area map (Attached). From this date, waste may no longer be presented in bags on public footpaths or roadways and must instead be presented in approved waste receptacles in accordance with the Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws.

### **Required action by waste collection providers**

To support a coordinated and successful implementation of Phase 3, Dublin City Council requires that all waste collection providers operating within the Phase 3 area:

- **Make contact with all affected customers in the Phase 3 area** as soon as possible;
- **Advise customers of the removal of bagged waste presentation** from 6 July 2026;
- **Arrange the provision of appropriate waste receptacles** for each customer, taking account of property type, storage constraints and waste volumes; we suggest that 45L Stacked Caddies or 80L, 120L & 240L Wheelie Bins be available to residents/businesses in the area affected
- **Ensure customers are informed of presentation time requirements** under the Bye-Laws;
- Ensure that **all necessary arrangements are in place in advance of 6 July 2026** so that there is no disruption to service when the derogation is lifted.

Waste receptacles are to be provided as part of the normal collection service. For the avoidance of doubt, existing collection days and frequencies are not expected to change for customers.

### **Consistency of messaging**

As discussed during earlier engagement, Dublin City Council expects a consistent and aligned approach across all collection providers operating in the Phase 3 area. This is essential to ensure that residents receive clear, accurate and timely information and to avoid confusion once public communications issue.

The Council will be issuing further communications to elected members confirming the July 2026 commencement date and the removal of bagged waste presentation. It is important that customer communications from waste collectors align with this position.

### **Next steps**

If you have any queries regarding the Phase 3 area, the commencement date, or the Council's communications programme, please contact me or we can discuss when we meet again on 12th May.

Dublin City Council appreciates your continued cooperation in delivering this significant change to waste presentation arrangements as we work collectively to improve cleanliness, safety and environmental quality across the city.