

# **Council apologises to residents following bin collections delays**

## **Edinburgh Council has suspended kerbside glass collections until next week amid delays to pick-ups.**

The local authority issued an apology to residents whose bin collections have been missed and said it hoped to get services back to normal "as soon as possible".

Officials said in an email to councillors last night (May 27) there were ongoing delays to non-recyclable waste and mixed recycling bins and a "smaller number of delays relating to food waste collections".

They blamed "unexpected staffing issues" and said crews worked over the weekend to catch up on pick-ups.

However disruptions are still expected to continue throughout this week, and in a bid to clear the backlog, the council has suspended kerbside glass collections until next Tuesday, June 4.

"Residents due to have a blue glass box collection this week are being asked not to put their box out for collection," the email to councillors said.

"Anyone with a missed non-recyclable waste or mixed recycling bin collection should leave their bin out at the kerbside and we'll collect it as soon as possible.

"Food waste collections will take place as normal and

residents should put their food caddies out on their normal collection day.”

The council said it will keep its website and social media accounts updated with the latest information over the coming days.

An update highlighted the areas hit by delays and affected waste collections as of yesterday at 5pm:

**Green recyclable bins** – Corstorphine, Murrayfield, Almond, Forth, Inverleith, City Centre, Leith, Leith Walk, Liberton, Gilmerton, Southside, Newington, Portobello and Craigmillar.

**Black/grey non-recyclable bins** – Craigentiny, Duddingston, Southside, Newington, Liberton, Gilmerton, Portobello and Craigmillar.

**Food recyclable waste bins** – Colinton, Fairmilehead, Craigentiny, Duddingston, Southside, Newington, Liberton, Gilmerton, Portobello and Craigmillar.

**Blue recyclable glass boxes** – Southside, Newington, Liberton, Gilmerton, Portobello and Craigmillar.

**Brown recyclable garden waste bins** – Inverleith, Forth, Liberton Gilmerton, Portobello and Craigmillar.

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