

# Screening your bin



## Screening your wheelie bin

From September 2007, most households will have two wheelie bins for collection and disposal of rubbish and recycling. One will be light green and the other dark green.

Because the bins are only 106cm high, they can easily be screened behind a low wall or fence if you would like to do so.

**The dimensions of the standard 240 litre wheelie bin are: 106cm high; 57.5 cm wide and 73 cm deep.**

You can use plants very effectively to create a natural looking screen.

Careful thought needs to be given to the orientation of the property, the supporting structures needed and the flowering season.

For example there are several types of clematis that flower at different times of the year. You also need to consider the level of maintenance required.



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## Climbing plants

honeysuckle, flowering quince, golden hop, crimson glory vine, passion flower, clematis, star jasmine, cup and saucer vine

## Self clinging plants

climbing hydrangea, virgin creeper, ivy

## For a dry sunny position

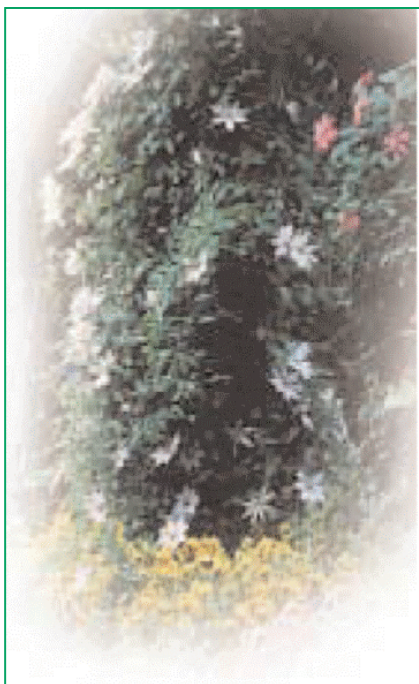
rock rose, hebe great orme, green globe

## Plants to make an impact

bamboo, stag horn, Japanese angelica tree, grasses, japonica fatsia

## Out of direct sun

christmas box, skimmia japonica



Each property is individual and your own taste will have an impact on the screen you chose to employ.



- ✓ If you already have a boundary hedge, why not plant an additional line of matching hedging instead of a solid structure.
- ✓ If there is an open frontage, a screen close to the front of the building in a style that matches its appearance, is preferable to an isolated structure.
- ✓ Lay a hard surface if you are creating a storage area. It will be easier to move the bins on collection day.
- ✓ You may find it easier to store the bins in a way that allows regular access to them.
- ✓ You do not need planning permission for a screen up to 1.0 metre at the highway boundary or up to 2 metres elsewhere within the boundary of the property.
- ✓ Some open estate developments will require planning permission for erection of an enclosure at the front of the property
- ✓ There may be other restrictions if your property is a listed building or in a conservation area.

If you are unsure if planning permission is required, please contact Spelthorne Borough Council to discuss ideas you may have.

*This is one of a number of fact sheets to give you more information about rubbish and recycling.*

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