

**Environment and Transportation Department,
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Dublin 8.
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**To Each Member of the
Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

At the Environment Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on 5th April 2017 it was agreed that a report would issue in relation to Greyhound Recycling checking green bin for cross contamination of waste.

During a recent quality review by Greyhound Household, green bins associated with accounts are being monitored for non-recyclable material by analysis of excessive average weights. Where this is discovered the company contacts the customer directly by correspondence and then may carry out an inspection the contents of the bin.

According to Greyhound's terms and conditions, should the green bins linked to accounts be found to be contaminated an additional service charge may be applied to the account along with a charge per kilo for servicing of the green bin

Dublin City Council has no powers in relation to this decision as it forms part of the contractual relationship between Greyhound and the customer

It was also raised at the meeting that there is evidence that green bins are being filled with non dry recyclable waste by individuals not associated with the households in question.

Gravity Bin Locks stop bins being contaminated by third parties. The lock opens automatically when emptied by waste collection vehicles, triggered by gravity at a 90-degree angle when lifted. Re-locks automatically after the bin is emptied.

The lock does not open when the Wheelie Bin falls onto its back, to the left or right, or when your bin is knocked by strong winds, animals or by vandalism.

Waste operators should be contacted to arrange the supply of Gravity Locks.

It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure the security of their waste container in accordance with the provisions of the Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Waste 2013

“A holder shall take reasonable steps to ensure the security of a waste container including any authorisation label, bin tag or microchip affixed thereto”

Breaches of the Bye-Laws attract fixed penalty notices in the sum €75.00. Such penalties issue by the Local Authority and not the Waste Operator.

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