

56283 Waste Removal

How many service requests for waste removal have there been to Edinburgh council and/or its sub-contractors in the last ten years, per year? This refers to street litter, over-flowing bins, and missed collections - not fly-tipping.

Please refer to the table below. Over-flowing bins are recorded within the category, 'Missed and Full Domestic Waste Bins'.

Year	Litter	Missed & Full Domestic Waste Bins
2015	5,620	44,778
2016	6,687	52,093
2017	5,795	40,939
2018	5,771	51,122
2019	5,468	41,377
2020	4,071	33,745
2021	4,756	46,408
2022	4,452	36,206
2023	5,091	35,760
2024	5,887	53,067

How many Escalated Service Requests (complaints) of overflowing public litter bins or littering have there been to Edinburgh council and/or its sub-contractors in the last ten years, per year?

Please refer to the table below.

Year	(Litter) Bin Full	Litter	Grand Total
2016	0	1	1
2018	1	0	1
2020	0	1	1
2021	3	5	8
2022	8	5	13
2023	3	4	7
2024	6	8	14

How much money has been allocated and/or spent on waste removal/litter picking in Edinburgh in the last ten years, per year? This includes Street Cleansing, Waste Services and Environmental Wardens, all of which deal with an aspect of littering.

Please refer to the table below which provides financial year data for Waste Services (Street Cleansing).

Financial Year	Budget (£)	Actual (£)
2016-17	8,038,609	7,498,404
2017-18	9,757,995	9,852,915
2018-19	10,323,032	10,783,282
2019-20	10,425,902	10,932,398
2020-21	10,711,217	10,335,865
2021-22	11,418,053	11,358,810
2022-23	13,393,547	13,765,976
2023-24	15,108,885	14,809,399
2024-25	15,955,041	16,062,003
2025-26 (to Jun-25)	15,934,836	4,256,544

The overall budget for the past nine years totalled £105.13m, while the actual expenditure amounted to £105.39m. The current year has been excluded from this comparison since most of the budget remains unspent so far, which would create a significant discrepancy between budget and spending.