

# Charges for the replacement of wheelie bins



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City of Joburg residents will from 1 February 2013 have to pay for the replacement of lost, damaged or stolen 240-litre refuse bins.

**R**esidents and customers applying for the replacement of their wheelie refuse bins will be charged R385 (excluding VAT) announced by waste management entity Pikitup recently.

Pikitup spokesperson Pansy Jali-Oyedele said the entity had previously replaced lost, stolen or damaged refuse bins free of charge but this had proved unsustainable. “In the 2011-2012 financial year alone, Pikitup replaced about 8 500 wheelie bins at a cost of about R3 million. This is not sustainable. This money could have been well spent on accelerating service delivery.

“Furthermore, it has come to our attention that in many instances the bins are being used for purposes other than refuse containerisation. Some people use them to store or transport goods,” added Oyedele.

Lost, stolen or damaged wheelie bins will be replaced by Pikitup upon receipt of an upfront payment by the user or resident. Payments should be made at the nearest walk-in-centre and not through a commercial bank or electronic fund transfer (EFT) system. Proof of payment, which must also indicate the ratepayer’s account number, must be faxed to 086 677 6682 or (011) 712-5322.

Oyedele said Pikitup would, however, continue to issue the first bin free of charge.

The announcement followed council approval of the City's new pricing and tariffs structure, circulated in July last year. The charge for bin replacement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Residents and customers have also been reminded that wheelie bins remain the property of Pikitup and that they may not be used for any purpose other than waste containerisation. They also cannot be moved out of the jurisdiction of the City of Johannesburg.

Using Pikitup wheelie bins for any purposes other than refuse containerisation and at non-designated premises is in contravention of the City's waste bylaws. Suspicious acts of bin theft can be reported to the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department on (011) 375-5911.

Should residents have any further queries, they can contact Joburg Connect on 0860 56 28 74 or (011) 375-5555. They can also visit Pikitup's website on [www.pikitup.co.za](http://www.pikitup.co.za).

Pikitup subscribes to the City of Joburg's 2040 Growth and Development Strategy (GDS 2040) by striving to "provide a resilient, liveable, sustainable urban environment underpinned by infrastructure supportive of a low-carbon economy".

Read more: [http://joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8457:charges-for-the-replacement-of-wheelie-bins&catid=88:news-update&Itemid=266#ixzz3pOn9ukU9](http://joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8457:charges-for-the-replacement-of-wheelie-bins&catid=88:news-update&Itemid=266#ixzz3pOn9ukU9)