

Wheelie Bin Sizes, Dimensions & Spec Sheets

What Size Is A Standard Wheelie Bin ?

Wheelie bins come in all shapes, sizes and colours. The most popular standard council bin size in the UK is 240 litres. The typical dimensions of a 240 litre wheelie bin is 107cm Height x 58cm Width x 74cm Depth. This does not mean that every council uses the 240 litre size. If you are thinking about purchasing a bin find out the size of the bin your council collects. The table below gives wheelie bin dimensions for the typical sizes of wheelie bins, the weight and also capacity of how many bin bags the bin holds.

Size Chart For Typical Standard Wheelie Bins From 80 to 1100 Litres

Size Litres	Height cm	Width cm	Depth cm	Capacity Bags	Weight
80	93.5	44.9	51.3	1-2	10kg
120	93	48	54.3	1-2	10.4kg
140	106	48	54.4	2-3	10.7kg
240	107	58	74	4-5	14.2kg
360	110	60.1	88	6-7	20kg
500	114	136	66	7-10	38kg
660	121	137	78	10-13	45kg
770	137	137	78	12-15	47kg
1100	131.5	137.2	105.5	18-22	58kg

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If you already have a wheelie bin and want to find out the size or dimensions of the bin, you can locate this by taking a close look at the bin. Wheelie bins are made using an injection moulding process, (see below for more information about this and to see wheelie bins being made via a cool youtube video) The information about the bin is on the template used for the injection moulding. So when the plastics are pressed into the mould when they come out the bin info is automatically imprinted onto it. It should contain information about the size, along with additional information such company manufacturer, maximum capacity or certification standard embossed onto it.



It's similar to how car tyres have all their information imprinted onto it so you can quickly find out the make, size and pressure required to inflate it without having to find the manual or receipts.

On our BritishBins manufactured wheelie bins you can find the information embossed at the top of the bin next to the front of the lid opening. Other bin manufacturers may have it embossed in different locations, usually around the rim or by the lid of the bin. If you look carefully you should be able to locate it you may have to wipe down your wheelie bin if it's a bit dirty as it could be hidden under some dirt. If you're unlucky you may have to

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turn your wheelie upside down to find it, as it may be on the bottom, but hopefully not !
The pictures show where the information is located for BritishBins and explains what all the numbers mean.



What Wheelie Bin Size Is Right For Me ?

With a wide range of bins to choose from it can be a confusing time. Before you take the plunge and go ahead and make a purchase there are a few things to take into consideration before you go ahead and get a new bin. If your council only collects every 4 weeks you will need a bigger bin then if your council collects every week. So a 120 litre would ok for a single occupancy household where the council collects weekly but you may need a 240 litre if the council collects once a month. If you are a large family or multiple occupancy household then a 360 up to 1100 litre may be required. It's worth taking a moment to calculate how much waste you throw you get through every week and then checking with the chart to see how many bags each bin takes.

To find out how often your council collects from you click on the government webs enter your postcode

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<https://www.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day> (<https://www.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day>)

How much rubbish do you throw away ?

Half a bin bag weekly ?

Two bin bags a week ?

If you don't know the answer to this right away it's a good idea to monitor just how many bin bags you fill up over a few weeks. We usually underestimate the amount of rubbish that we throw away and its quite surprising to learn the actual amount that we throw away!.

Once you have worked that out Its always a good idea to get a bigger bin so you have extra space if you need it. You also don't know if the council will go from weekly to fortnightly or even change to monthly collections, and if this happens your bin may not be big enough. With a lot of councils under financial pressure and looking to cut costs cutting back on refuse collections is an easy target, and many people across the UK have seen just that. What used to be a weekly collection then became a fortnightly collection and now has been pushed back to a monthly collection.

The longer your bin remains uncollected the more risk there are especially If you can't close your bin either because the bin bags are stacked up then this could attract foxes and rodents to tear then bags apart and leave a mess outside your house. There nothing worse then leaving your house in the morning and the contents of your bin bags is strewn across the street. Also flies can be attracted which means that maggots wont be far behind. So always check you get the right sized bin for your needs.

EN840 Bins - What does it stand for ? Why is it so important ?

Once you have worked out the correct wheelie bin size and dimension you will need to make sure that the bin is **EN840** certified and compliant. If you buy a bin that isn't then the refuse collectors can refuse to collect it as it puts them at risk. There have been cases with bins that are not **EN840** compliant being been connected and lifted on back of refuse trucks only to come dangerously crashing down due to faults putting ...

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at serious risk. Its also worth knowing that there is a difference between the terms “**EN840 Complaint**” and “**EN840 Certified**”. Any company can state that there bin is “**EN840 compliant**” but only “**EN840 Certified**” carries any weight. If the company doesn’t have the **EN840 certification** then its best to stay well away.

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80 litre v 120 litre / 140 litre

If you’ve worked out how much rubbish you’ll be throwing away each and how often your council will collect your rubbish and you’ve decided to go for a smaller wheelie bin then just looking at the dimensions doesn’t really give you a good idea as to how big the bins are. Unless you have a tape measure to hand and can measure out the size that will help you have a rough idea how big the bin is. This is especially useful if your bin has to fit into a certain space like an outdoor cupboard or housing unit or if your replacing a traditional dustbin with a wheelie bin for the first time and are concerned that it may not fit in the space.

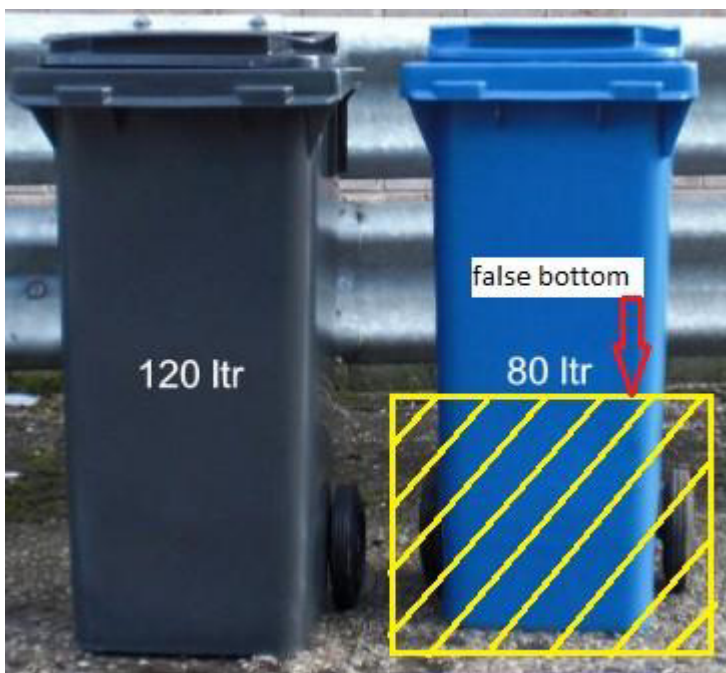
If you compare the two wheelie bins in the picture they both look the same and you would conclude that there is not much difference between them and ask yourself why you should spend the extra to get the larger bin when it looks identical !. That’s a good question to ask.

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So although the bins look the same standing side by side this doesn't reveal that the 80 litre has a false bottom. This is added to give the bin extra height so it can be moved easily. And is actually blocked off so and cant take any rubbish. So if you are deciding between the two sizes its worth bearing this in mind.



360 litre v 240 Litre ? Which One Should I Go For?

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These two bin sizes are the most popular sizes that councils issue. Looking at them head on they look identical as they are the same height. As you can see from the picture once they are compared by depth by looking at the side view and now height the 360 litre wheelie bin is much larger.



A 240 litre wheelie bin should be adequate for most households. The key question is how often are the council collecting ?. A 240 litre wheelie bin should take 4-5 bin bags if you are going through more it would be a good idea to go for a 360 litre bin as this can take 6-7 bin bags rather than having bin bags piled up next to a 240 litre. The 240 litre bin weighs about 14kg empty so with 4-5 bags it can get quite heavy and if you have to put your bins out a long way it may be smarter to buy two smaller bins instead as this would be easier to manoeuvre. Likewise a 360 litre bin weighs 20kg empty and with room for an extra 6-7 bin bags it can get a lot heavier so it may be worth considering getting 2 x 240 litres if you have the space or consider going up to a 500 litre bin with four wheels which is much easier to transport.

How Much Does A Standard Wheelie Bin Cost?

Wheelie bins prices vary slightly from manufacturer to manufacturer. There is not a great deal of difference in cost between retailers, so a standard 240 litre wheelie bin should cost around £50 with delivery included to UK mainland. As the bins are quite large the delivery cost is quite high and most bin sellers absorb this into the price of their bin. If you are looking for more than one bin that is where savings can be made as the c

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bin can drop. If you are buying more than one bin it's a good idea to see if there are any discounts available. For example if you purchase a single 240 litre bin at BritishBins that would cost you £49.50 if you purchase two then the cost would drop to £39.50 so a considerable saving. Generally, the more you need the lower the price can go.

<u>Volume Litres</u>	<u>Max Load</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>80</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>£39.50</u>
<u>120</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>£39.65</u>
<u>140</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>£43.20</u>
<u>240</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>£49.50</u>
<u>360</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>£72.50</u>
<u>500</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>£162.01</u>
<u>660</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>£168.20</u>
<u>770</u>	<u>370</u>	<u>£172.24</u>
<u>1100</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>£189.30</u>

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If you want to take a look at how wheelie bins are manufactured then click on the link below to see how they're made. It's quite an interesting process and fascinating to see how quickly they are pressed and made!.

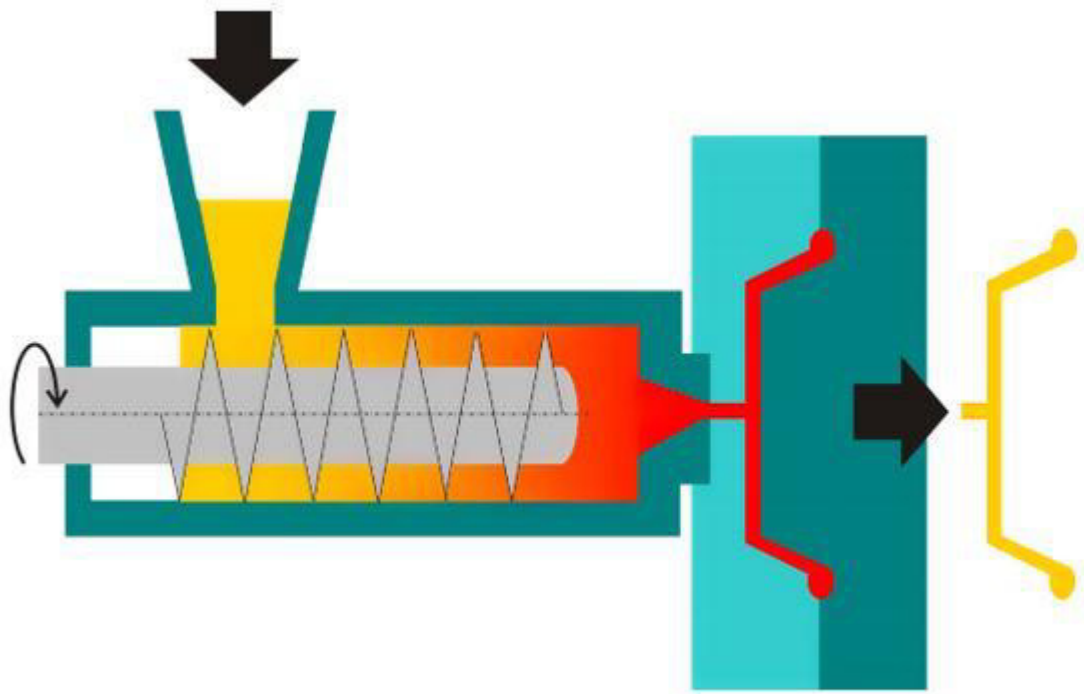
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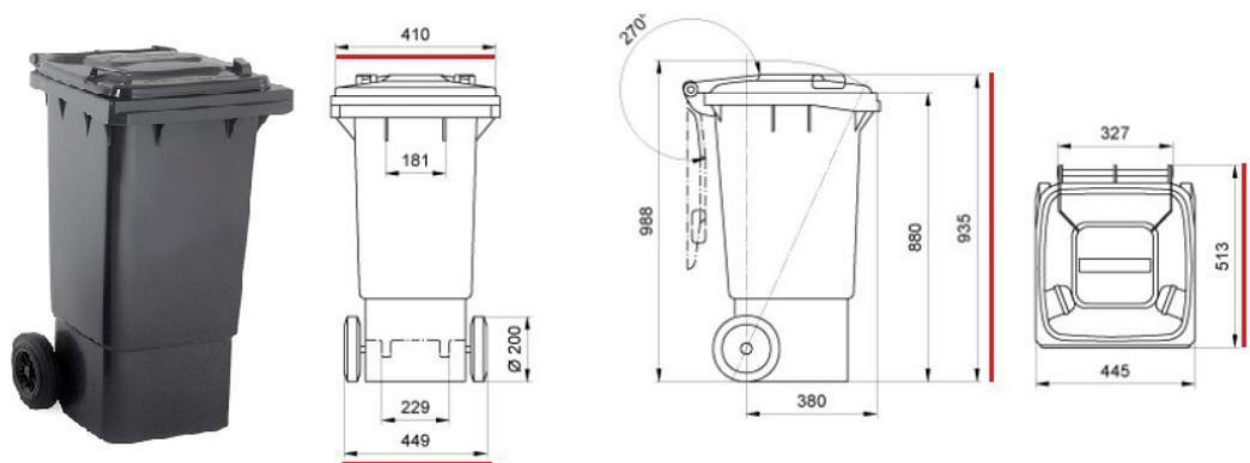


Size Chart For Standard Wheelie Bins

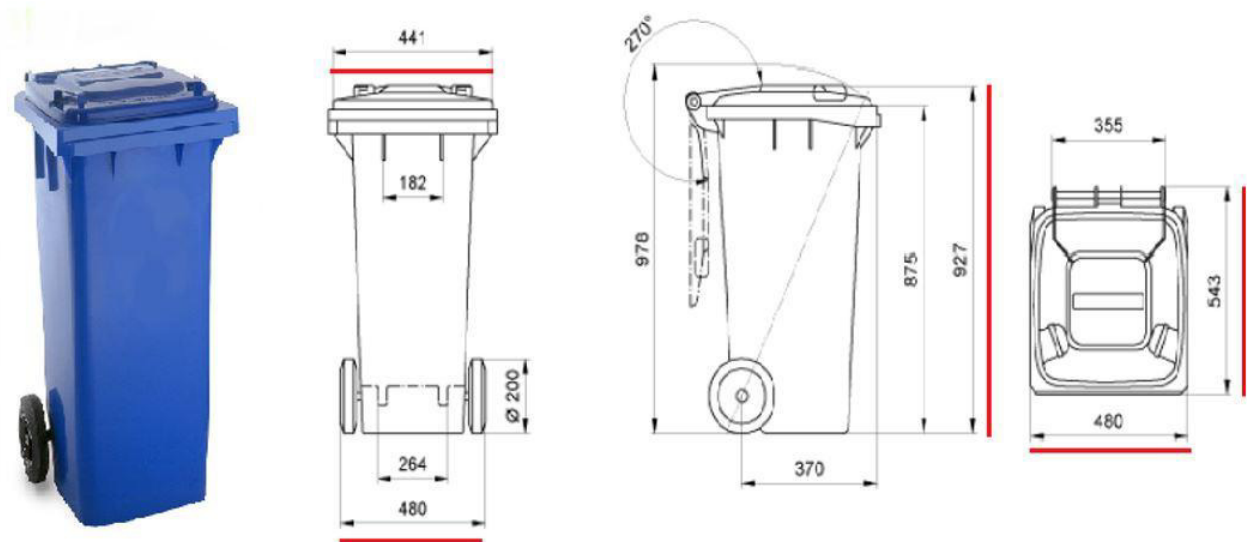
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80 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions



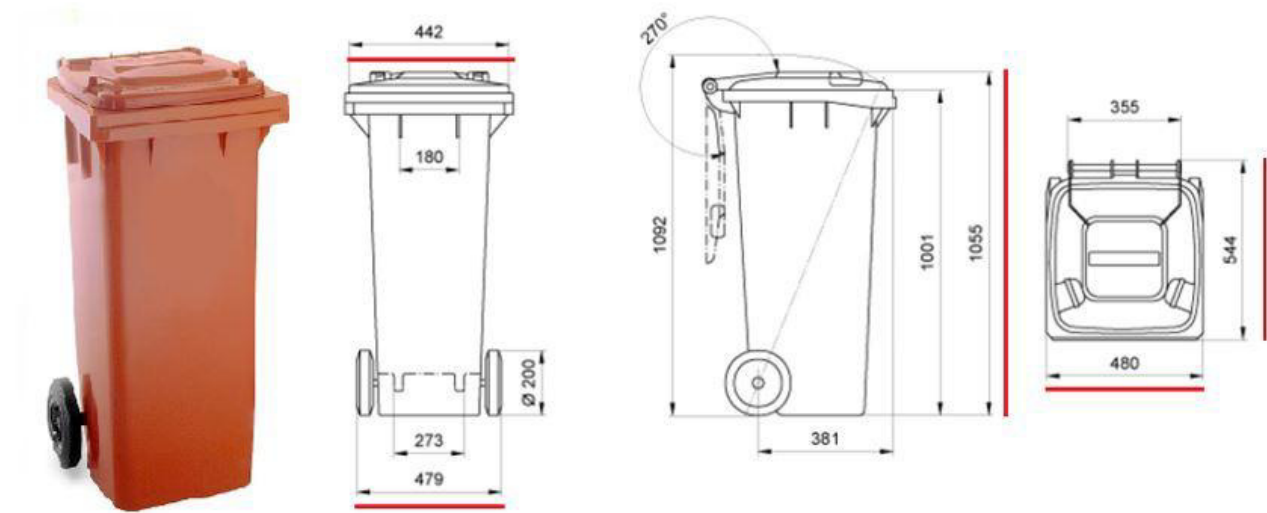
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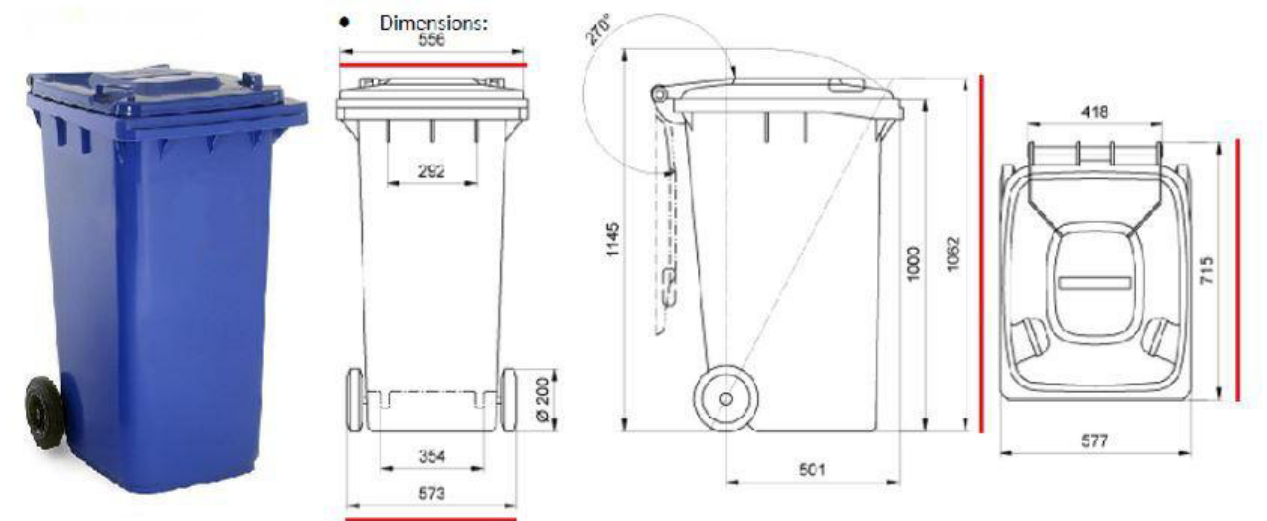
140 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions

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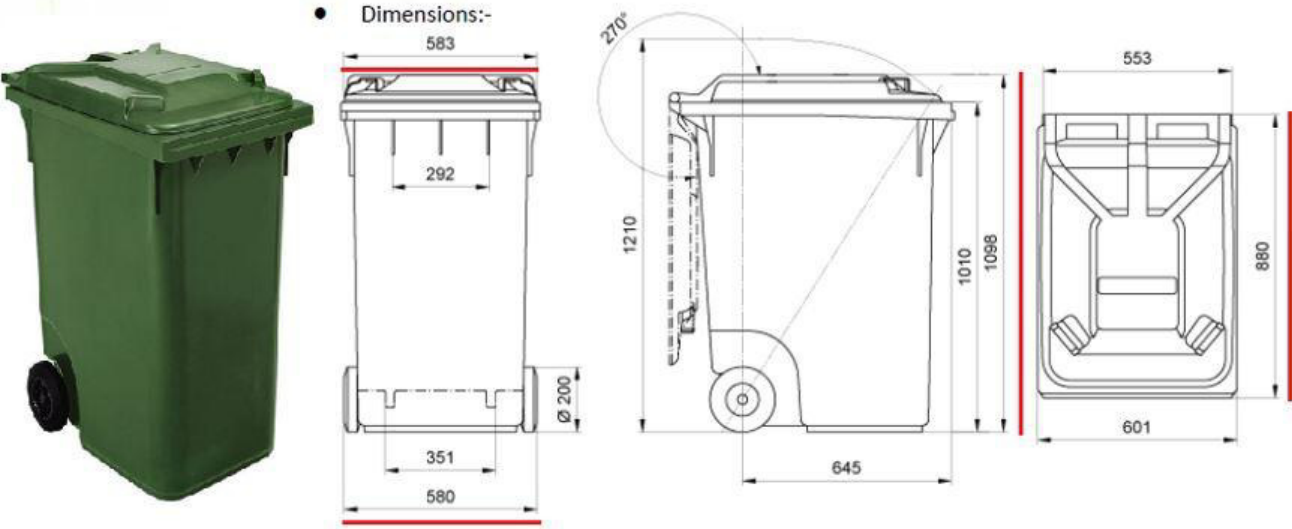
240 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions



360 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions

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500 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions

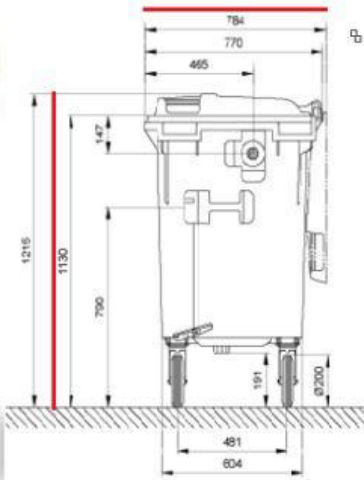


CAPACITY (lt)	509
DEAD WEIGHT (kg)	30
MAXIMUM LOAD (kg)	237
TOTAL <u>HEIGHT</u> (mm)	A 1200
TOTAL <u>WIDTH</u> (mm)	B 980
TOTAL <u>DEPTH</u> (mm)	C 740
UPPER EDGE COMB (mm)	D 1090
WHEEL DIAMETER (mm)	E 200

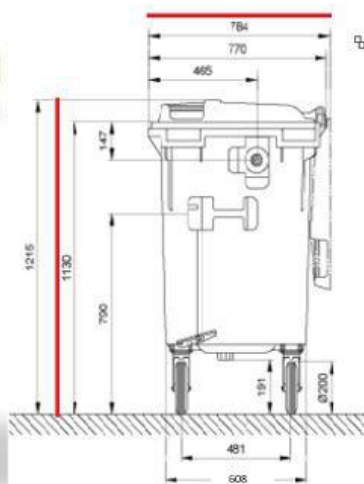
660 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions

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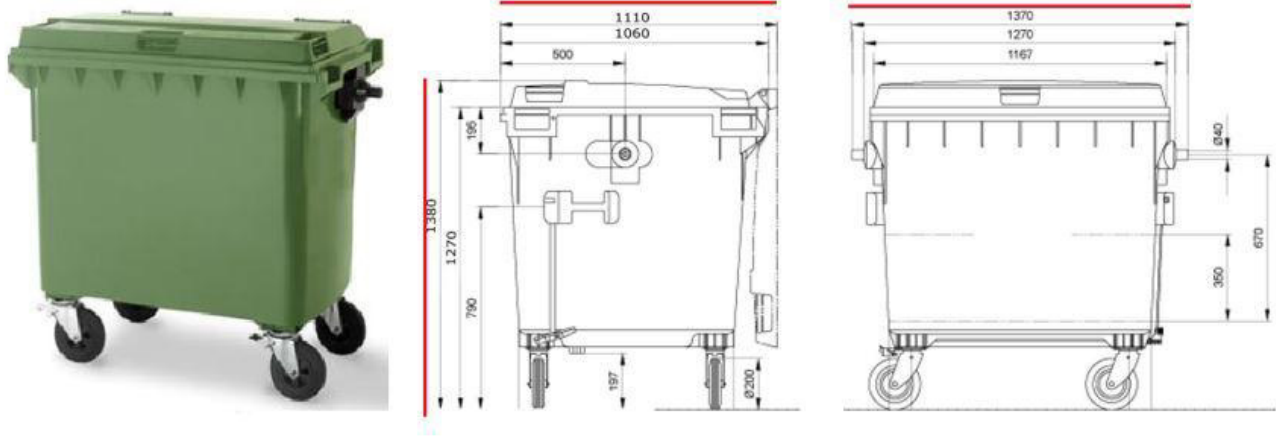
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1100 Litre Wheelie Bin Dimensions

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