

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Impact injuries from entrapment in lid mechanism



Impact injuries as a result of hitting people or stationary objects



Slip injuries from wet surfaces



Bacterial or viral infections from contact infected material

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

Cleaning bulk waste bins – general waste and recycling ONLY

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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. You must wear waterproof clothing (high visibility as appropriate) and waterproof footwear.
2. Wear a face shield or goggles when using a pressure washer.
3. Check that there is no risk of run-off entering surface water drains and contaminating water systems (or confirm that there is a local council certificate permitting run-off into drain system) or creating slip hazards.
4. Do not carry out the task when the temperature is low and run-off could freeze.
5. Erect warning signage before starting, and where appropriate, use barriers and signage to prevent unauthorised access.
6. Check the area is clear before tipping the bin.
7. Tip the bin carefully onto its back, while holding the lid closed. This must always be done as a team of two.
8. Remove any large debris from the bin with a litter picker before washing the bin.
9. Wash the bin with a hose or pressure washer, removing all debris from inside the bin.
10. When finished, turn the hose or pressure washer off.
11. Return the washer to its usual place of storage and tidy up any hoses.
12. After checking the area, carefully return the bin to the upright position. This must always be done as a team of two.
13. Check there is no leakage from the bin before returning it.
14. Remove gloves and wash your hands after completing the task.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)