

Skip and Bin Research Average UK Skip Hire Prices

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Skip and Bin (<http://www.skipandbin.com>) (<http://www.skipandbin.com>) the price comparison website for UK skip hire companies have revealed figures showing the average cost of skip hire across the UK.

The data, compiled from the average prices quoted by 3 or more skip companies in each area in September 2012, is believed to be the only up to date source of skip hire pricing information available in the UK.

Key findings from the research are summarised below:

- Sizes of skips available and prices varied significantly across the country.
- London is the most expensive area for all sizes of skip hire – an average 6 yard 'builders skip' (the most common size used by households in the UK) costs £210 in London, compared with just £135 in Nottingham, which was the cheapest city in the 6 yard category.
- In most cases the difference between the price of a 6 and 8 yard skip is less than 20% - suggesting construction firms using 6 yard skips could make considerable savings by switching to an 8 yard skip.
- On average Liverpool was the cheapest city in the UK to hire a skip. The cheapest skip hire available in Liverpool (<http://www.skipandbin.com/skip-hire-liverpool/>) started from just £80
- For large 12 yard skips, the cheapest city, Newcastle was £165 while London was nearly twice the price at £300.

MD of Skip and Bin, Jason Mohr said of the findings;

"We work with a lot of London skip companies and fully expected London to come out as the most expensive city we researched. However I was surprised at the level of disparity between skip prices in the capital compared with other major cities like Birmingham and Liverpool. You can't blame London skip hire companies for this though, as the truth is that the cost of running a waste logistics business in London is far greater than other parts of the UK because of the cost of rent, effect of congestion on the efficiency of your fleet, and higher costs of labour and disposal."

Last month SkipandBin.com released figures (<http://uk.prweb.com/releases/2012/8/prweb9816640.htm>) showing that London borough's also had the highest charges in the UK for skip permits – the charge applied by councils for placing a skip on public roads - adding further expense to the cost of waste disposal in the capital. Mohr went on to say;

"I don't believe it's a coincidence that 5 of the 10 worst performing areas of the UK for fly-tipping are in London".

"People are strapped for cash at the moment and when it costs in excess of £300 for the average

household to hire a skip in London, its sadly inevitable people will turn to disposing of waste illegally”.

Skip and Bin’s partner site Anyjunk publish an annual report on fly tipping which can be downloaded here (<http://www.anyjunk.co.uk/fly-tipping>). Full details of the skip hire pricing research can be found on the skip and bin website <http://www.skipandbin.com/skip-hire-prices/> (<http://www.skipandbin.com/skip-hire-prices/>)

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Notes on the research

- All prices are exclusive of VAT which is chargeable at 20% on skip hire
- Price columns marked * indicate that that size skip was not readily available in that area.
- Prices are exclusive of skip permit fees which most councils charge when a skip is placed on a public road. Prices also exclude any controlled parking zone suspension charges which councils charge if a skip is placed in a controlled parking zone.
- Prices were correct at the time of publication and based on average findings gathered by contacting local providers by area at random. The data is sampled and therefore may not accurately reflect the price you will be quoted.