

Erecting an aerial or satellite dish

Guidelines for tenants

If you wish to erect an aerial or satellite dish please note the following:

- Your Neighbourhood Office will inform you of its decision to grant permission to erect an aerial or satellite dish within 15 working days of receipt of your application.
- You must pay for the entire cost of the work involved.
- Before we grant permission, you need to provide evidence of insurance to cover for any damage which may be caused (1) when putting up the aerial/dish (2) when dismantling the aerial/dish and (3) if the aerial/dish is dislodged due to weather conditions.
- The size and planned location must not cause danger, interference or annoyance.
- The aerial/dish must be safely erected and carried out by competent workers, to a standard the Neighbourhood Office is satisfied with.
- The method of fixing must not cause damage to the building structure or finishes.
- Maintenance of the building must not be impaired by the aerial/dish.
- You must accept to pay the cost of any repairs caused by damage during the erection or removal of the aerial/dish.
- You must tell us when the work has been finished. When the dish has been fitted, it will be inspected by a maintenance officer to make sure that the work has been carried out to a standard we are satisfied with.
- You may need planning permission before you can put up a satellite dish – Neighbourhood Office staff can give you advice. You will have to pay a fee to apply for planning permission, so you should not apply until the Neighbourhood Office has told you whether you can put up a satellite dish.
- Separate planning permission is needed if a satellite dish exceeds 90cm in diameter.

- If for any reason you have to move to another house (for example, in an emergency or because work is being carried out on yours), you will have to remove the dish and make sure that the property is not damaged.
- If you put up a satellite dish without the written permission of your Neighbourhood Office, you will have to remove the dish. If you fail to do so, the dish will be removed and you will be responsible for paying the cost.

Below is the Housing Department's list of preferred sites for dishes. You will not be given permission to put up a dish at preferred sites 2 to 7 unless you can prove that you cannot use the location in preference 1.

Preference 1	the back garden, and suitably screened
Preference 2	a garage or outbuilding where the dish cannot be seen by the public or adjoining properties
Preference 3	the side garden (if any), and suitably screened
Preference 4	the front garden, and suitably screened
Preference 5	the back wall of the house
Preference 6	the side wall of the house
Preference 7	the front wall of the house

If you live in a flat (for example, tenement, maisonette, four-in-a-block, multi-storey flat) you will not be given permission to put up a dish on the front wall of the property.

The colour of your dish should be that which blends best with the background.