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BIN PLACEMENT GUIDE

Boost your recycling rates with
effective bin placement



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Welcome to the Method community, we're excited to help you start your journey to waste diversion. Method's award-winning bins are designed specifically for the modern workplace, this guide will help you to know where to place your bins to maximise diversion.

The keys to effective recycling

Make it consistent

The power of the Method system lies in visibility, consistency and the beautifully bold colour-coding. To create any habit there needs to be consistency and this is a major part of making recycling an unconscious habit. So donate or recycle ineffective bins and roll out a consistent system across your floor, building, facility, organisation or space.

Listen to user feedback

Are there enough bins? Are they convenient? Do they have the right streams available? A successful recycling solution requires users to be on board and know what they're doing so we encourage you to ask for feedback not only when a new system is installed, but regularly to ensure it's still meeting the needs of your team.



Make recycling convenient

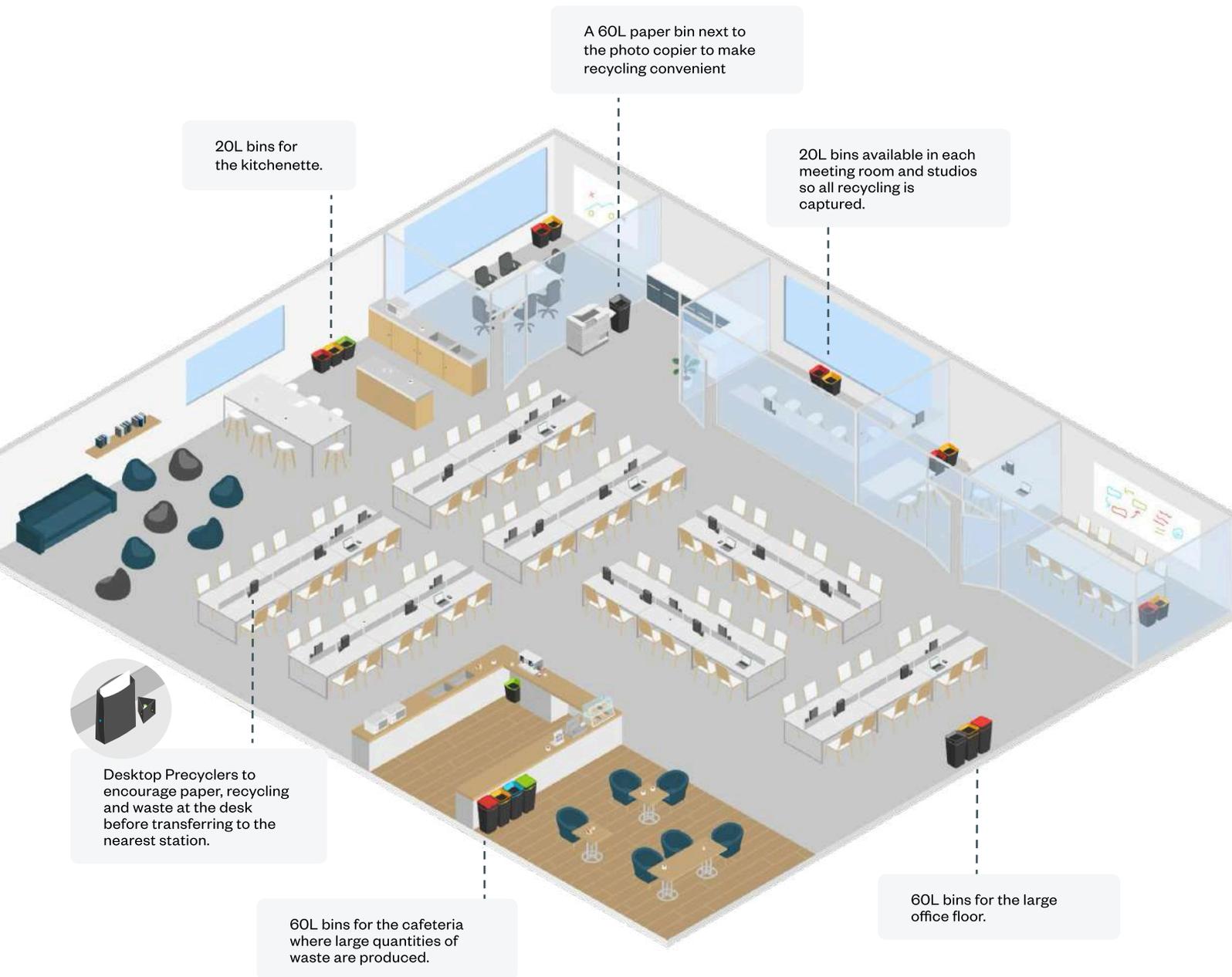
The Method system is a move away from desk bins, and recycling stations should be set up regularly throughout a space. Make sure each desk is no more than a 10-second walk from any desks. By removing convenient general waste bins and placing recycling stations regularly, when a user needs to dispose of something they need to get up and approach a station where all options are available to them; a great opportunity for a micro-break too!

Where should I place my Method Sixty Litre Bins?

Method's 60L bins are designed for large open plan spaces such as the office floor, large kitchens, event spaces, foyers; generally where there is a significant amount of space, people and recycling or waste being produced. You can place single bins where recyclables are produced such as a paper bin next to the printer, but generally we encourage complete stations so that all streams are available to users as they approach.

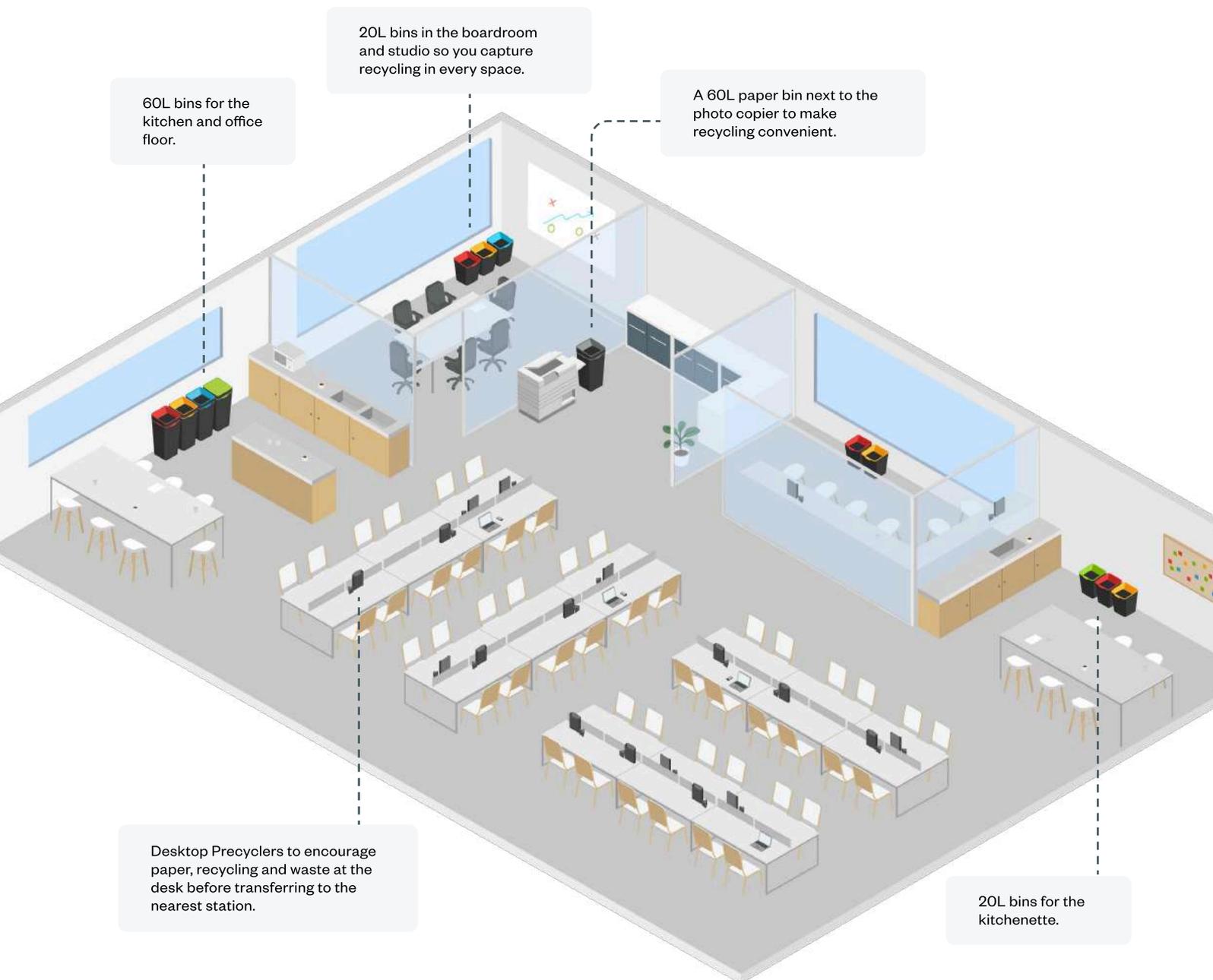
Where should I place my Method Twenty Litre Bins?

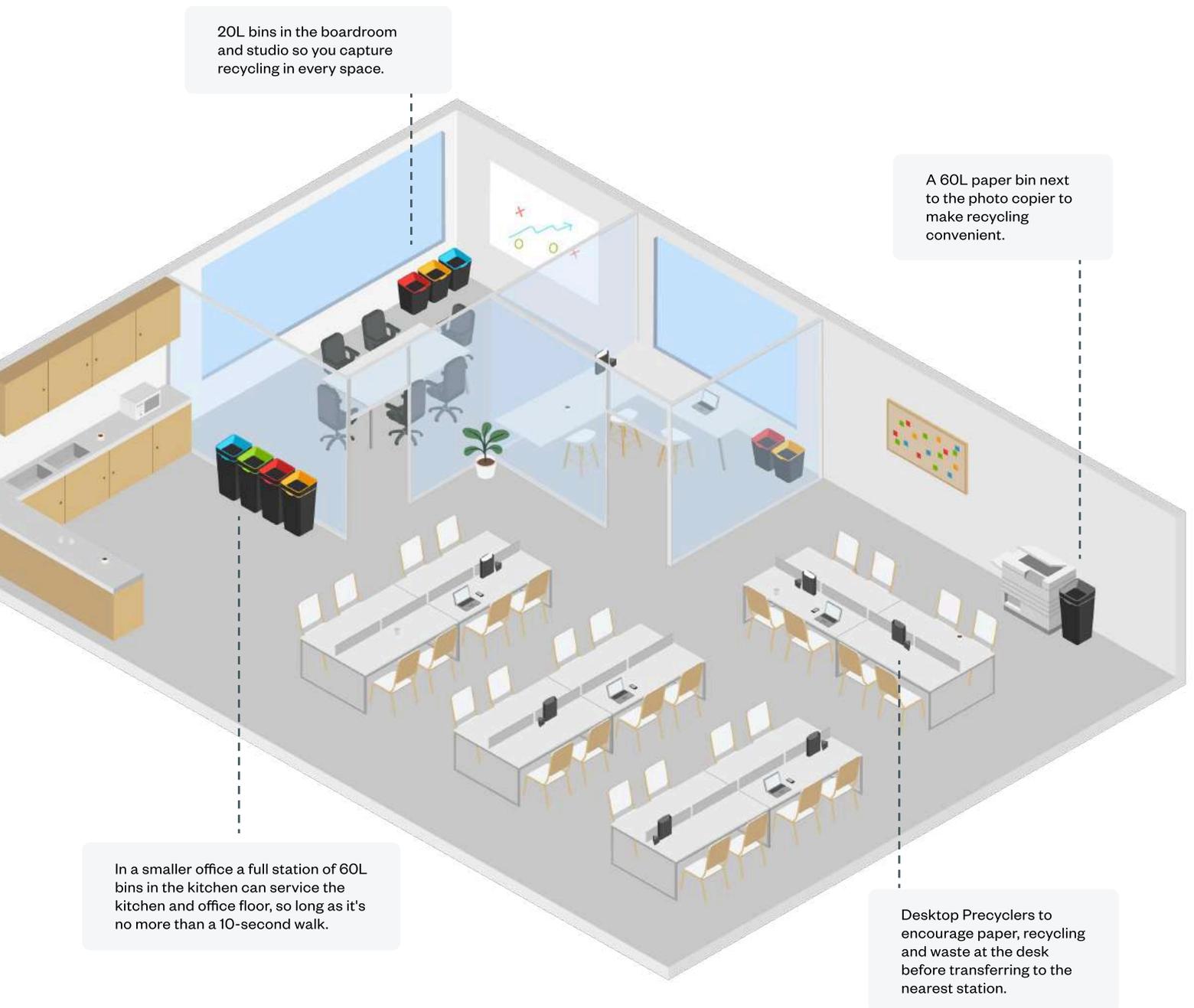
The Twenty Litre bins are designed for smaller shared spaces such as studios, boardrooms, meeting rooms, kitchenettes, or anywhere you'd find a lone general waste bin but the sixties are simply too big. The Twenties allow you to implement at-source recycling separation into every space of your workplace. Check out the example floor plans throughout this document.



Do I need a desktop solution?

We've also designed a simple desktop solution that removes the need for liners and encourages separation: Precyclers. Precyclers are two small containers designed to separate paper, recycling and waste that can then be emptied in the nearest station. It's a great tool when an organisation is moving away from desk bins, allowing a more sustainable personal solution.





Do I have enough bins?

How full are your bins?

It is important to see how full your bins become when you first implement them. Most offices will have their bins emptied once a day – if your bins are consistently overflowing with recyclables before 5pm you may need to add more of that waste stream to your space. Not having enough bins to fit the needs of your employees may lead to contamination, as people may react by depositing their waste into the wrong recycling bins instead.

If each Method bin has a 60L capacity, and a recycling station of four bins works for 50 people, that's a 240L capacity across four waste and recycling streams. This allows each person in your space to deposit 1.2L of landfill waste per day, and 1.2L each of the other streams (Paper, Mixed Recycling, Organics, etc) if your bins are emptied at the end of the day.

Add more streams?

If your bins are becoming too full, you could look into implementing Organics collection from a waste service provider specialising in compostable materials – lessening the waste going into your Landfill bins. Some offices place Organics bins only in kitchen areas and others prefer them in every station, including near desks, to provide consistency.

We often see companies work out what they need at first, and then later add to their order to make their recycling stations more effective.

If you have two recycling stations on a 1,200 sq/m office floor and notice after a week of having them they are quite full, then we might recommend you to add another station to your floor plan, or a couple of the highly used streams to your existing station.



Need help?

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Method staff often work with fit-out companies or businesses to look into floor-plan layouts/ designs to recommend where and how many bins may be required. Contact us here if you have a new project you would like advice on.