
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Time: 9:30am
Date: Wednesday, 21 October 2020
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill (by audiovisual link)
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:30am and invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

(Councillor Woolf joined the meeting at 9:32am.)

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Foon and Councillor Sparrow for lateness.

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Rush

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2020, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

(Councillor Foon joined the meeting at 9:34am.)

(Councillor Paul joined the meeting at 9:35am.)

(Councillor Young joined the meeting at 9:53am)

(Mayor Foster joined the meeting at 9:58am.)

(Councillor Sparrow joined the meeting at 9:59am.)

(Councillor O'Neill left the meeting at 10:02am.)

(Deputy Mayor Free joined the meeting at 10:03am.)

(Councillor Young left the meeting at 10:54am and returned to the meeting at 11:07am.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:13am and reconvened at 11:17am with the following members present: Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Foon, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

(Councillor Matthews returned to the meeting at 11:19am.)

(Councillor Fitzsimons returned to the meeting at 11:23am.)

(Councillor Paul and Councillor Condie left the meeting at 11:30am).

2. General Business

2.1 Proposed Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2020 Oral Hearings

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Foon

Resolved

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for speaking to their submissions.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Presentation - Neville Waisbrod
- 2 Handout - Jonathan Swan
- 3 Presentation - Jonathan Swan
- 4 Presentation - Ellen Blake
- 5 Newspaper - Bernhard O'Shaughnessy

Secretarial Note: The following members of the public spoke to their written submissions:

Time	Name	Organisation/Individual	Submission
9:35am	Neville Waisbrod	Individual	28
9:40am	Brad Olsen	Wellington City Youth Council	162
9:50am	Jonathan Swan	Individual	119
9:55am	Rhona Carson	Newtown Residents Association	154
10:05am	Wade Martelletti	Individual	33
10:10am	Richard Moore	Poly Palace (Mega Division Ltd)	160
10:20am	Vanessa Rushton	Wellington Waste Managers	157
10:30am	Hannah Blumhardt, Kate Walmsley and Polly Griffiths	Joint Submission from The Rubbish Trip, the Sustainability Trust, Wellington Waste Managers and Kaicycle	141
10:40am	Kate Walmsley	Kaicycle	141
10:50am	Ellen Blake	Living Streets Aotearoa	134
11:00am	Steven Almond and Lynn Cadenhead	Wellington City Council Environmental Reference Group	163
11:10am	Bernard O'Shaughnessy	Individual	166
11:15am	Yew Ho	Individual	117
11:20am	Steve Cosgrove	Individual	153

The meeting concluded at 11:38am with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____
Chair

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*Just dump it.
"Someone"
will collect it.*





How many warnings have been issued in the last year for illegal rubbish dumping in the central city?

Answer from WCC

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**HOW MANY FINES FOR
ILLEGAL DUMPING HAVE
BEEN ISSUED IN THE LAST
YEAR?**

Answer from WCC

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"We will send up to three warning letters before issuing an infringement."

So far we have seen no need to issue an infringement."

**Council spokesman Richard MacLean
(August 2018)**



With ongoing dumping across the city our Street Cleaning Team do random checks and go through the bags trying to find invoices or mail indicating who the rubbish belongs to so they can follow up further.”

“Weekly random bag checks to investigate evidence of origin”

“Our cleaning contracts manager regularly visiting the lane with the purpose of observing ‘who’ is placing the rubbish and clarifying their responsibilities.”

“Also our Public Health team are the warranted Litter Officers in our City.”

Kate Hamilton
Service Improvement Officer | Customer Services |
Wellington City Council



Hi Neville,

This is the answer I received from our contractor;

Only myself, Uriah and Stan do the illegal dumping investigations (Nightshift supervisor will also soon be doing this). We don't utilise the field staff as we've never felt safe asking a worker to rummage through unknown contents of a bag due to the risk of being cut by sharp items or possible infection from unknown liquids/substances.

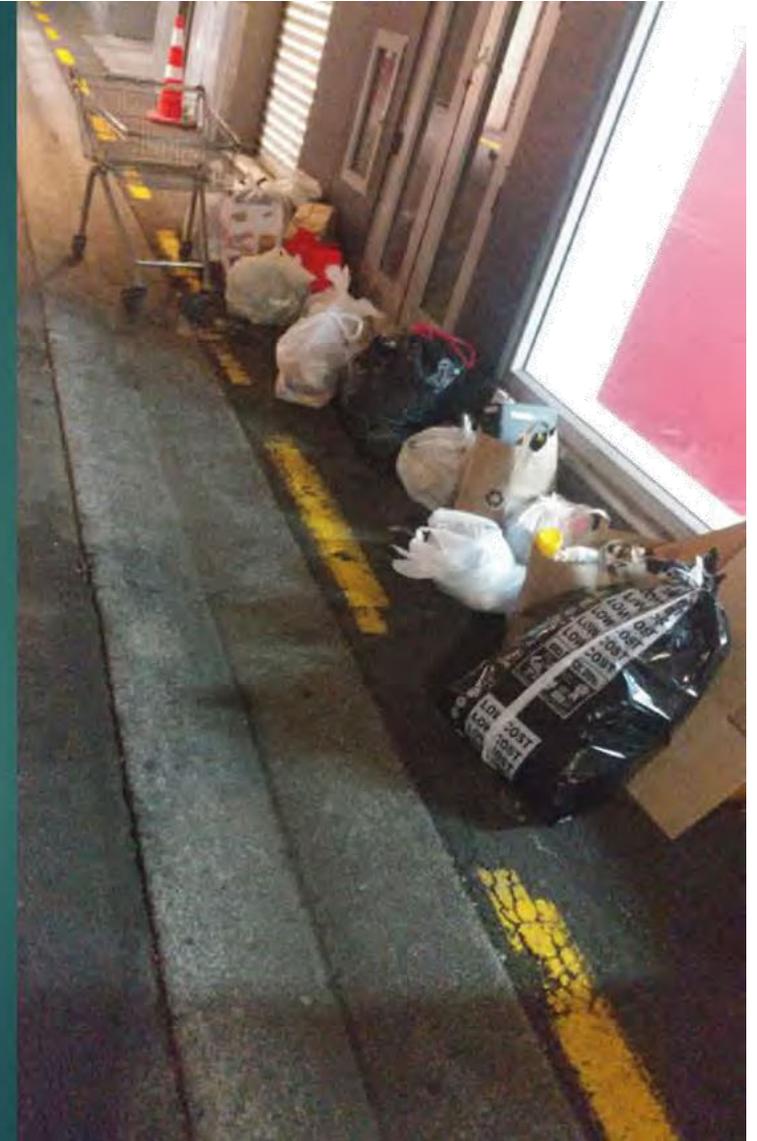
Regarding Lukes Lane we visit this site every week along with the other hot spots like Bond street, left bank, Halley's Lane. From memory in the last 14 months (60 site visits) we've only managed to find evidence on a single occasion, we want to catch the offender just as much as the complainant as visiting this site every week costs Civic time and money but until the offender leaves identifiable evidence there's not a lot more we can do.

We will keep at it until we do finally get the information we need to follow up on.

Kind regards

Deane Virtue

T/L Cleansing & Growth



Hello Neville

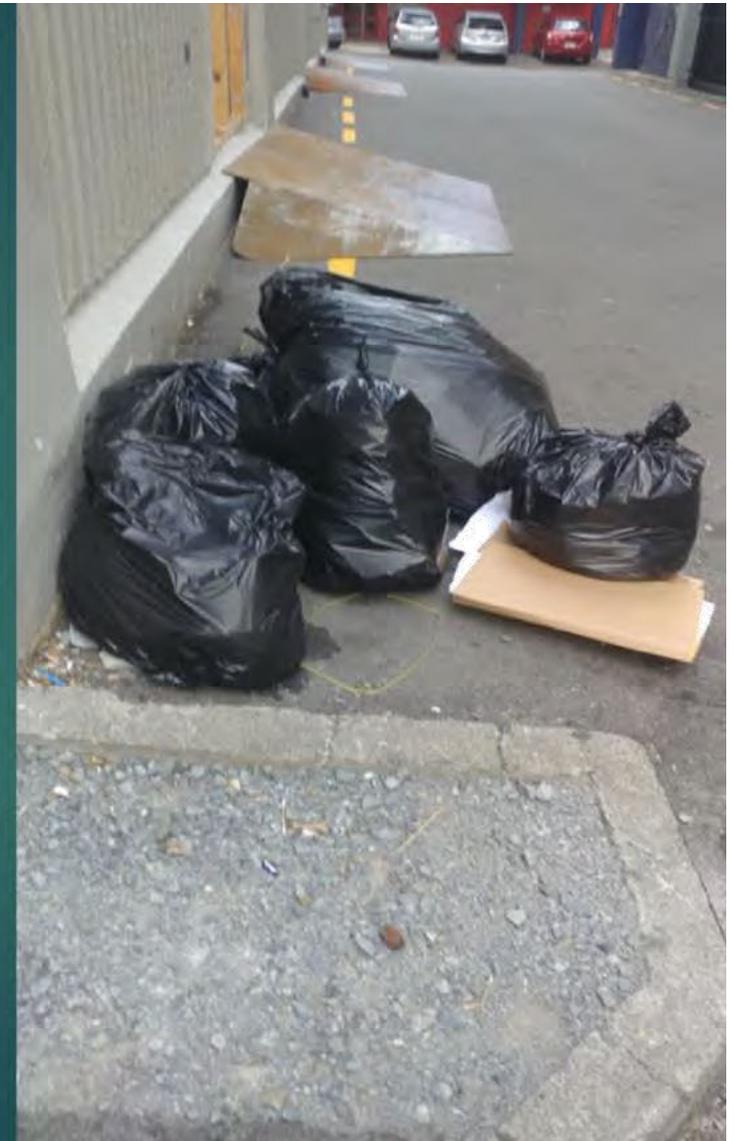
Thank you for your photograph and complaint regarding the dumping of litter next to the wheelie bins in Lukes Lane.

This has been tasked to street cleaning to remove.

Although at this stage there is no evidence of who dumped the rubbish, I have contacted the owner of the Teppanyaki restaurant to discuss correct litter disposal, which I have followed up with an email so they have this in writing.

Kind regards
Karen Binnie

Kaiārahi Hangarau Taiao/ Environmental Tech Officer



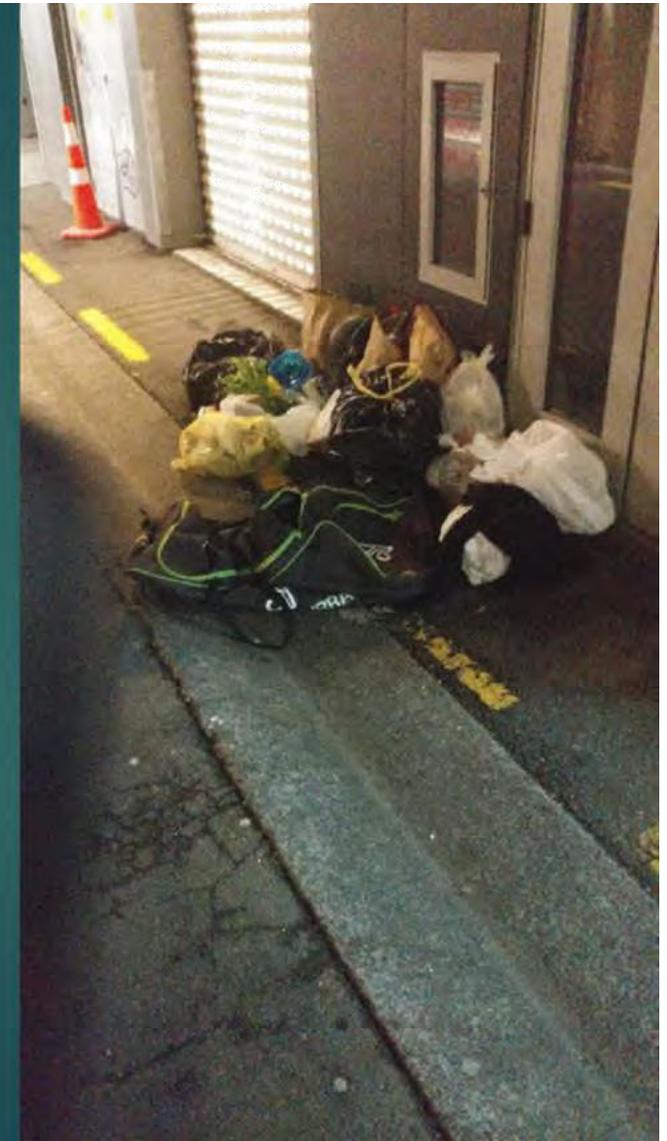
Neville does have a good idea here and one that we used to do - would be to create a role of a litter officer. This would possibly cost between \$50- 80 K per annum and we could aim to reduce the waste and cost significantly of the contractor significantly and dual as an educator as we move toward the by law implementation. The role could have a creative Wellington Vibe.

We do have health officers that we share the cost with to act as litter officers as well but they well don't focus on litter! (why would they).

**I am happy to talk about this Barbara- but I think it is worth looking into as part of cost saving measures. Happy to talk about it anytime.
(PS I am also really keen to stop anything from filling up the landfill.)**

Ngā mihi

Councillor Laurie Foon Paekawakawa /Southern Ward



**Wellington is the
only large city in New
Zealand without a
dedicated litter
enforcement officer**



Cost of illegal dumping in the central city estimate.

Estimate at least 500 bags dumped a day. That's
182,500 p/a

Say an average weighs 5kg

That's $182,500 \times 5 = 912.5$ Tons p/a

Tip fees \$170/ton

That's $912.5 \times \$170 = \$155,125$ p/a

Bag cost \$2.75 $182,500 \times \$2.75 = \$501,875$ loss
of revenue

Loss of bag revenue plus tip costs $\$501,875 +$
 $\$155,125 = \$657,000$

This is without the cost of collection which I would
think would bring this total to approximately

\$1,000,000!



22 September 2020

Wellington City Council
Wellington

Re: Proposed Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2020

Kia ora Wellington City Council,

Furthering discussions with Councillor Laurie Foon in July 2020 in regards to recycling changes and adverse effects on the Southern Landfill.

This came in force from the 20th of July. Where the recycling would change to only accept Plastics 1, 2 & 5. Low value plastic that had been shipped overseas for processing (typically 3, 4, 6 & 7) would now be sent straight to the Southern Landfill.

While I think this is a good and necessary step, I believe there has been little or no communications to residents around the changes, and recycling will still get mixed together and we will add to the overall waste in the Southern Landfill.

Over all I see this as a consumer behaviour and packaging problem rather than a waste issue.

If we change of recycling behaviours this would encourage reduce the waste produced. This includes educating residents on recycling products correctly. And encouraging manufactures to switch from low grade plastic to recyclable packaging.

Points to make:

- Better communications to residents about their obligations to recycling. This could reduce the overall impact of now non- recyclables going to land fill.
- Encourage manufacturers to change to sustainable package. I have discussed this matter with ETA/Griffins, Sanitarium and Pams, makers of the now non-recyclable products. They have all committed to changing their packaging, which is great. They want people to buy their products, and people's buying habits are forcing them to change. Which all things being equal, should mean less waste in our landfill.

The packaging collective in Australia - APCO has done a lot of work to inform manufacturers of their obligations to have clear recycling instructions on packaging. It would be great to see this rolled out in New Zealand as both a point of difference and mandatory requirement. The Packaging Forum has spearheaded some of the processes from APCO, and could be a good starting point to devise New Zealand specific processes.

Ultimately we should be making the packaging producers pay for their poor packaging choices and rewarding those that do use easily recycled packaging. This shouldn't be the onus of the council and ratepayers.

Lastly, in 1919, WCC enacted the Milk Supply Act. At the time dairy farmers could make more money selling butter to Britain than supply milk to the capital. So the WCC took it on themselves to start a dairy factory in Otaki and distribution plants around the region. Including one in Tory Street. Making sure Wellingtonians had access to hygienic milk at a good price.

The same could be said for recycling, taking ownership of ensuring that we have great recyclable packaging in the supply chain, so it doesn't become a waste issue.

Thanks again for your great work, happy to help where I can to continue to Wellington to be clean, green and waste free!

Ngā mihi,

Jonathan Swan

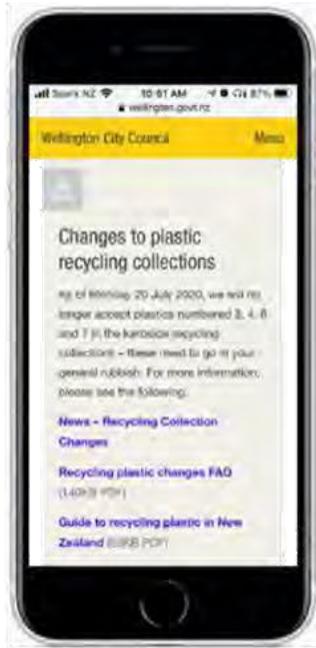
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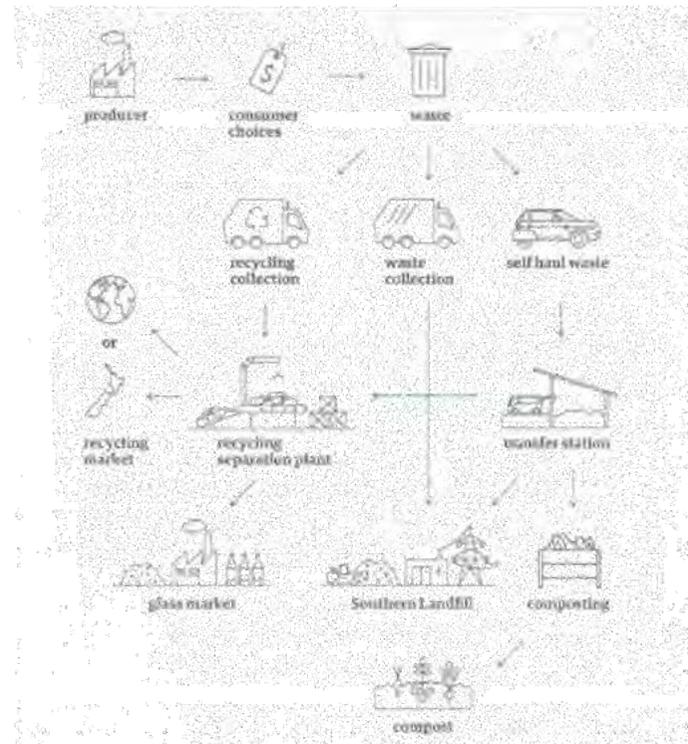
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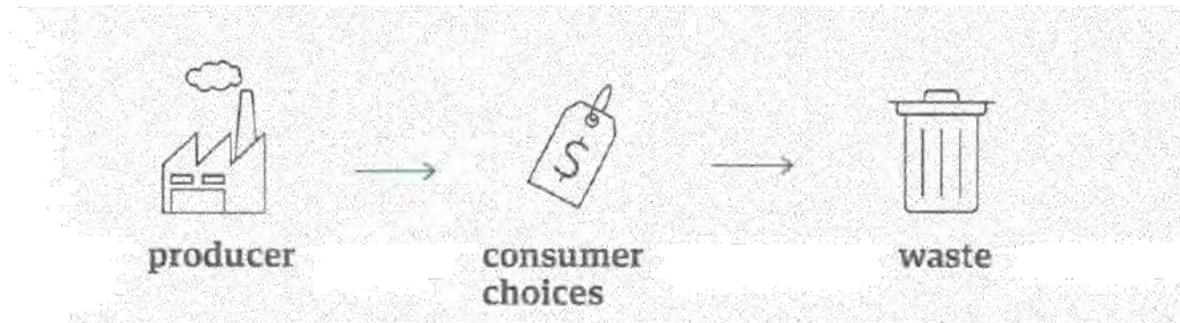


Current waste cycle



Source: Proposed Southern Landfill Extension

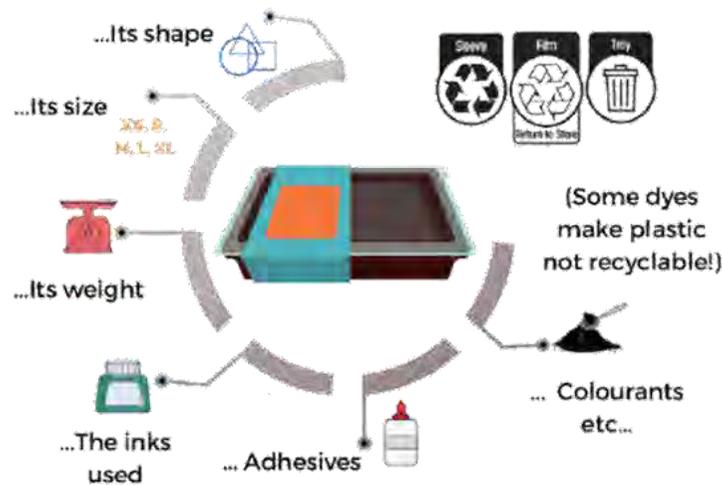
Discussion



Same milk – different packaging



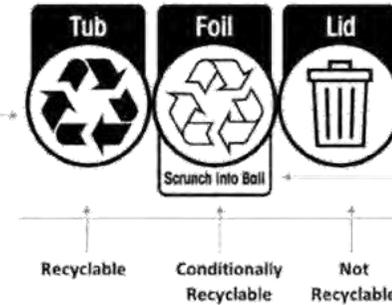
Australasian Recycling Label (ARL)



ARL Website URL: Directs consumers to further information on recycling

Classification: Indicates whether the packaging component is 'Recyclable', 'Conditionally Recyclable' or 'Not Recyclable'

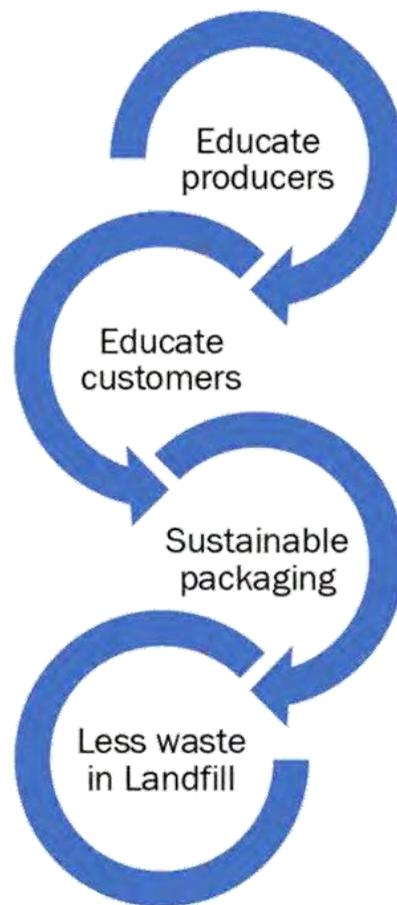
For more information on recycling visit arl.org.au



Separable Component: identifies the specific packaging component the label relates to

Instructions: An approved consumer behaviour or alternative destination that improve the recyclability of the particular packaging component

Key takeaway:





Te para me te hangarua Rubbish and recycling

Rubbish and recycling is changing next year

A new weekly kerbside rubbish and fortnightly recycling service, paid for through rates, will be in place from 1 July 2021.



How will it work?

Recycling

For recycling, you will get a 240-litre wheeled bin for mixed recycling, and a 45-litre crate for glass both collected fortnightly.

Rubbish

For rubbish you will get to choose from three options:

- A 120-litre bin collected weekly (default option)
- An 80-litre bin collected weekly
- A 240-litre bin collected weekly

Green waste

You'll also get to choose whether you want a 240L green waste bin, collected every four weeks.

How much will it cost?

Recycling charges will increase to approximately \$105 per year. This breaks down to \$2.02 per week.

The new rubbish service is cheaper for most people that use more than one rubbish bag per week. The indicative cost is:

- \$144 a year or \$2.77 per week for a 120-litre bin (default option)
- \$114 a year or \$2.19 per week for an 80-litre bin
- \$288 a year or \$5.54 per week for a 240-litre bin.

So the combined cost of the new recycling system and a weekly rubbish collection service (default 120L bin) is \$5.56 per week.

The optional green waste service will be around \$95 per year.

Why are we doing this?

Every year, on average, each person in the Wellington region sends more than 600kg of rubbish to landfill. We are overhauling the current system to give you access to a modern rubbish service and a fit-for-purpose recycling service that meets your needs, reduces the amount of litter entering our waterways, and reduces what we send to landfill.

The new system guarantees access to a wheeled bin for rubbish to ALL Lower Hutt households, no matter their income level, including our more than 3,300 Kainga Ora/HNZ tenants. This means people are less likely to put rubbish into their new lidded recycling bin. Contamination of recycling means it just goes to landfill.

We'll also be stopping rubbish bags in July 2021, this is because:

- There are many health and safety risks for the people who collect rubbish bags.
- Increasing costs of bags could lead to more illegal rubbish dumping.
- Bags are prone to 'animal strike', e.g. damage from rats, dogs, and cats
- The market is increasingly moving towards alternative collection models with bins.

More information:

We invite you to sign up to hutt.city/binupdates to receive information as we begin to roll-out the new system.

More information on the changes can be found by visiting hutt.city/binchanges

If you have immediate queries please email contact@huttcity.govt.nz

What's next?

We'll be in contact with you later this year about bin options.

If you have a contract for your current rubbish collection, make sure you cancel it before 1 July 2021.

If you are a landlord you may wish to get in touch with your tenants soon about these changes.

