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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND  
MINIMISATION PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

**Time:** 9.30am  
**Date:** Monday, 25 June 2018  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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# MANAGING FARM WASTE

## GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Efficiently managing the use of resources is the most effective way of minimising and managing waste. This can be achieved by buying fewer items or products that will go the mile, by storing and looking after products and by cataloguing items that haven't been used.

## BENEFITS OF REDUCING ON FARM WASTE

- Reduced air, water and land pollution
- Reduced energy consumption
- Landfill capacity extended
- Reduced costs from over-spending on products & improved processes

## AVOID BURYING

Seepage of leachate from buried waste materials, including heavy metals & chemicals, can contaminate water and soil. Avoid burying waste that can be reused or recycled. This includes:

Household items: 1-7 plastics, paper and cardboard, tins, aerosol cans, glass bottles and jars.

On farm items: Agrichemicals, bale wrap, silage pit covers, feed/fertiliser bags, shrink wrap, plastic containers or drums, baling twine, paint, batteries, metal waste, oils, fuels and solvents and tyres.

## AVOID BURNING

Burning waste releases hazardous and toxic substances into the air and surrounding environment. This can affect people's health, crops & water supplies. Avoid burning: any treated, painted or oiled wood, plastics, oils, paint, tar, rubber including tyres, asbestos material, vehicle parts, synthetic material i.e. foams, fibreglass and metals of all kinds including fence wire.

## Compost

Organic matter is vital for our soils health to produce good crops and feed. Composting household food wastes is a great way to return organic matter to your garden.

## ON-FARM DUMPS

In some cases farm dumps are inevitable: i.e. where kerbside recycling is not offered or you live 20km or further from a transfer station. A well thought out and managed farm dump will minimise environmental and land degradation.

## BEST LOCATION FOR FARM DUMPS

- On silt or clay soils that reduce the risk of water contamination.
- Out of the flood zone or an area prone to flooding or ponding
- 0.6m above the water table
- Outside of any community drinking water supply protection area

Recording new and old farm dumps is a good idea and may be useful in the future.

## THE SIZE OF YOUR FARM DUMP MATTERS

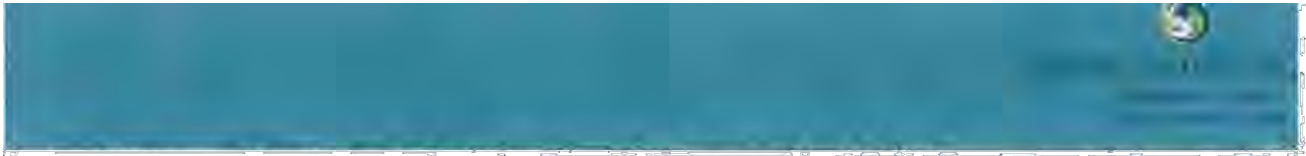
Reusing, composting, recycling and responsible disposing of farm materials means you can reduce the amount of waste going into your on-farm dump. Keeping your farm dump small (less than 50m<sup>3</sup>) will make it easier to remediate once it is full and means more land area can be used for growing your business.

## MANAGING YOUR OFFAL

The main concern around the location of offal pits is their connection to water. In deciding on the best location for an offal pit you should consider:

- Distances from surface water or ground water. Offal pits should have as little connection to any water source as possible.
- Soil type, silty or clay soils are best at slowing and creating even water flow through the soil profile.
- Whether storm water could affect the pit

It is best to record on a map where your offal pit is located.



**TRANSFER AND RECYCLING STATIONS**

Rural landowners can drop rubbish, recyclables and green waste off at transfer or recycling stations in their districts.

Recyclable items include: Paper, cardboard, 1-7 plastics, glass bottles and jars, tin & aluminium cans, aerosol cans, plastic meat trays.

Information on hours and locations of transfer and recycling stations can be found on your District Councils website.

**SCRAP METAL**

White wire, roof iron, cable, old tools, coppers, aluminium, brass, iron, steel, cars, cans, bins, radiators and batteries are recycled by a number of scrap metal merchants located in the Wairarapa and Wellington Regions. A simple google search will allow you to choose the recycler best suited to you.

**PAINT TAKE BACK SCHEMES**

Major paint companies run take back scheme that allows consumers to return left over paint and empty containers. Contact your local paint supplier to enquire about this service.

**PLASBACK**

Plasback recycles unwanted on farm waste plastics. Rural Landowners and business owners can recycle 7 different categories of waste plastic. Each category should be kept in a separate bin liner for collection.

1. Bale wrap, silage pit covers, small low density polyethylene (LDPE) feed bag, shrink wrap and pallet covers.
2. Polypropylene feed, seed and fertiliser bags
3. HDPE 1-60L containers (triple rinsed)
4. ECOLAB and AGPRO HDPE 100-200L drums
5. Vineyard nets, HDPS monofilament nets

6. Polypropylene Twine

7. Fiber Fresh

Bins and liners can be purchased online from Plasback or your local Farm Source store.

**AGRECOVERY**

Agrecovery is a rural recycling programme that collects and recycles chemical containers, drums and unwanted or expired chemicals.

**Chemicals:**

Agrecovery provides a subsidised/free collection service, depending on the chemicals being disposed. Landowners can book online to arrange for chemicals to be collected. A collection day is planned in each region every 12-18 months.

**Chemical Containers:**

Landowners can take their empty triple rinsed containers to:

<b>Masterton</b>	<b>Martinborough</b>
PGG Wrightson Landfill, 38 Lincoln Road	Martinborough Lake Ferry Road
Masterton 5810 Monday-Friday 7:30am-5pm	Martinborough 5781 Third Wednesday of every month 10am-2pm

**Otaki**

Otaki Transfer Station:  
1 Riverbank Road  
Otaki 5512  
First Tuesday of the month 9am-3pm

**Plastic or steel 61L-1000L Drums/IBC:**

Rinsed drums/IBCs that are included in Agrecovery's participating brand owners can be booked for collection online. Collections take place on a quarterly basis.

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