



BECOME A CANDIDATE!

Local Elections 2010

YOUR VOTE YOUR COMMUNITY

Have you ever wanted to represent your community, but didn't know how? Nominations are now open for the local body elections.

Put your name forward to stand for the South Taranaki District Council, one of the district's four community boards or the Taranaki District Health Board.

Here are some reminders for those interested:

- You cannot nominate yourself into office. Find two people in the constituency you are standing for to back you and sign your nomination form
- Don't forget to send in a passport sized photo and about 150 words for your candidate profile statement

So what are you waiting for? This opportunity only comes up every three years!

Nomination forms are available at local LibraryPlus centres, the Hawera Administration Building.

Visit www.stdc.co.nz for more information.



COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

If you know of someone, an individual or group, deserving recognition for going beyond the call of duty from within the South Taranaki community – let us know. Nominations for the 2010 South Taranaki Community Awards are open now!

Call Sally Flintoff on 0800 111 323 or check out www.stdc.co.nz to find out how to nominate someone.

Nominations close Wednesday 18 August at 4pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Policy Development Committee

Monday 2nd August, 1.00pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

Council Meeting

Monday 16 August, 7.30pm
Council Chambers,
Administration Building
Albion St, Hawera

CONTAMINATION IS REDUCING THE AMOUNT WE CAN RECYCLE

DID YOU KNOW?!

Each time someone puts contaminated items and non-recyclables into their recycling bin - not only can it spoil what's in that 120L blue bin, but the recycling that's gone into the whole Waste Management rubbish truck!

That truckload of recycling then has to be taken to Colson Rd in New Plymouth – and we incur the cost for that – something that should have been free. We are spending \$100,000 a year unnecessarily transporting and disposing of contaminated recycling!



We are having a great deal of trouble with some South Taranaki residents putting the wrong things in their blue recycling bins.

Although it seems harmless, when people put things like food products into their recycling bins, it can leak, slop and find its way onto other clean recyclables making them unusable. Taking this truck to the landfill at Colson Rd (as it can no longer be recycled) costs the Council (therefore the ratepayer).

Please remember that recycling is hand sorted – so please spare a thought for the people that have to go through your refuse and be sensible with what you put in that blue bin.

If in doubt – leave it out!

FAQS

What is contamination?

Contamination is a word which we use to call stuff that's thrown into the recycling bin that shouldn't go in there and could potentially dirty all the other products in the bin making them unrecyclable.

What CAN go into recycling?

Newspapers, paper and cardboard, junk mail, washed cans, plastics with the 1 or 2 recycling symbol on it (washed and squashed), egg cartons (as long as there is no egg residue on it!), aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic shopping and bread bags. If you are unsure – don't throw it in the bin. You can also check out www.stdc.co.nz for a more comprehensive list.

Why is it important to wash and squash recycling before I put it into the recycling bin?

This cleans off any residue there might be from drinks or food – and makes it nicer for people at the recycling plant who sort the recycling by hand!

COMMON MISTAKES



Plastics that have numbers OTHER than the 1 or 2 symbol (pictured above) are not recyclable. We can only recycle numbers 1 + 2



We can't recycle meat trays or any other polystyrene products



We can't recycle any broken glass – this includes windscreens, windows or mirrors