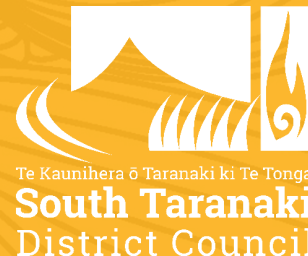


# No Time

# To Waste



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**Tell us what you think about our Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and proposed changes to our waste collection services before Wednesday 11 October**

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## Time is running out to have your say

Time is running out to let the Council know what you think about the proposed changes to the urban rubbish and recycling kerbside collection service with **consultation closing at 5pm Wednesday 11 October**.

In order to reduce waste going to landfill and minimise future cost increases, the Council is proposing to change the size of the kerbside wheelie bins, move to a fortnightly pick up and introduce a food waste collection bin. Council's Infrastructure Services Group Manager Herbert Denton says managing waste is not cheap.

"Last year it cost \$5.5 million to run our waste management services and over the next six years it's only going to get more expensive, due to increases in the Government waste levy and rising costs for the kerbside collection service for things such as fuel and new collection vehicles."

Denton says the \$50 Government levy for each tonne of waste sent to landfill rises to \$60 on 1 July 2024. South Taranaki currently sends 13,639 tonnes of waste to landfill which means the Council would have to pay the Government almost \$820,000 in waste levies.

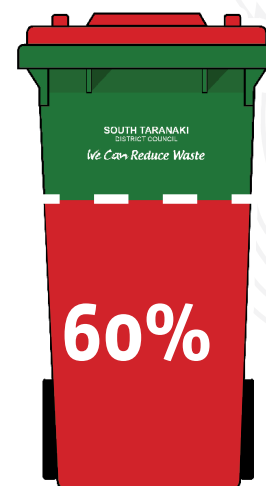
"The good news is that we can do something about this and save money if we act now," says Denton. "We know that up to 60% of what people put in their general waste bins could be recycled or composted. If we could divert that

amount from the 3,632 tonnes of waste collected from the kerbside, we could save \$130,000 on the cost of Government levies alone."

Currently South Taranaki residents send around 120kg of waste to landfill per person each year, which is 30kg more than New Plymouth residents who only send 90kg of waste to landfill. Denton says part of the reason for this is that New Plymouth's waste is only collected fortnightly compared to South Taranaki's weekly collection, and they also collect food waste.

"By moving to a fortnightly collection and sending less waste to landfill, we can significantly reduce our emissions footprint and reduce the amount of Government waste levies and kerbside collection rates we will have to pay. This will reduce future cost increases on the annual kerbside rubbish and recycling targeted rate by around \$75," he says.

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### What are we proposing?



**Increase the size of our kerbside recycling bin from 140 to 240 litres, the size of our general waste bin from 120 to 140 litres, keep the 60 litre glass crate, move to fortnightly collections for these and introduce a 25 litre food waste collection bin collected weekly.**

The benefits are:

- **Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.** The Government requires all Councils to introduce a food waste collection by 2030. Currently about 38% of all kerbside general waste is made up of food waste. By introducing a weekly food waste collection we could divert almost 3,000 tonnes from landfill each year, reducing our emissions.
- **Keep cost increases to a minimum.** By sending less waste to landfill through a fortnightly collection, we will pay less Government waste levies. This will reduce future cost increases on the annual kerbside rubbish and recycling targeted rate by around \$75.

#### Option 1

**Council's preferred option**

**\$ Estimated to cost around \$325 per property per year from July 2024**

##### Collected weekly

25L food scraps bin (new service)

##### Collected fortnightly

- 140L General Waste bin (from 120L)
- 240L Recycling bin (from 140L)
- 60L Glass crate (same size)



#### Option 2

**\$ Estimated to cost around \$400 per property per year from July 2024**

##### Collected weekly

- 120L General Waste bin (same size)
- 140L Recycling bin (same size)
- 60L glass crate (same size)
- 25L food scraps bin (new service)



This is just a brief overview - please visit [www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk](http://www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk) to find out more about the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, as well as the proposed changes to urban waste kerbside collection services in more detail.

You can also pick up a hard copy from your local LibraryPlus.

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