

## National Standardisation for Kerbside Waste Collection

The Ministry for the Environment is bringing standardisation to residential kerbside recycling collections throughout New Zealand from today, 1 February.

Materials accepted will now be the same almost everywhere in the country, making it easier for everyone to get recycling right. The only materials accepted in the kerbside recycling bin are:

- Plastic bottles, trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 (rinsed, lids removed)
- Food and drink tins and cans (rinsed)
- Paper and cardboard (including pizza boxes, remove food scraps)

Meat trays with a 1, 2 or 5 in a triangle are also recyclable, rinse and remove any film or glad wrap first.

There is one minor changes to what South Taranaki residents can put in their kerbside recycling bins - **aerosol cans are no longer recyclable**, put these in the red lidded bin instead.

Glass recycling remains the same, with clean glass bottles and jars accepted, just remember to remove the lids.

All of Taranaki's recycling is processed at the Materials Recovery Facility in New Plymouth. From there, the different material streams are sent around the North



Paper and cardboard



Food and drink tins and cans



Plastic bottles, trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 only

Island to be turned into new products. No recycling is sent overseas.

In the voluntary greenwaste collection, keep putting in the prunings from your garden (branches up to 10cm diameter) lawn clippings, garden waste and leaves – but no flax, yucca or cabbage tree leaves. The previously accepted organic material of tea bags, paper towels, serviettes, shredded paper and pizza boxes are now no longer accepted due to these being made with chemicals which contaminates the compost being made and then accumulates in the soil, ending up in the food chain.

Collecting the same recyclable materials at the kerbside makes it easier for everyone to understand what items can go in the recycling bin, no matter where they are in the country.

### Upcoming Meetings

Policy and Strategy Committee  
Wednesday 7 February, 1pm

Risk and Assurance Committee  
Wednesday 14 February, 11am

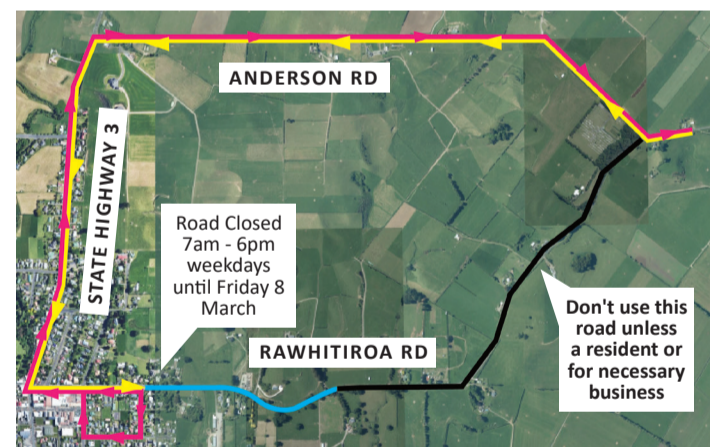
District Plan Committee  
Monday 19 February, 1pm

Ordinary Council  
Monday 19 February, 4pm

*Unless specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Administration Building on Albion Street, Hāwera.*

**YOUR RATES PAYMENT IS DUE...**

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the third instalment of rates for 2023/2024 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 28 February 2024.



- Road Closure 7am - 6pm weekdays until 8 March
- Avoid using this road with the exception of residents and necessary business
- ▶ Detour East
- ◀ Detour West



Hundreds of children from around the District joined in celebrating the end of the school holidays with our annual summer entertainer. Emma from Whizz Bang Science and the Unbelieve-a-bubble Show had children leaping from their seats and cheering at the explosive science experiments. This is the second time this entertainer has visited South Taranaki and, once again, science is proving to be a complete hit with all ages. Thanks to the Lysaght-Watt Trust for its ongoing support to help bring these events to South Taranaki Libraries.

### Detours in Eltham

As part of Council's programme to improve the quality of the local roads, work begun on King Edward Street/Rawhitiroa Road, Eltham this week.

Fulton Hogan has been contracted to upgrade 800 metres of the road. A part of the road will be closed during this time.

Council's Senior Road Engineering Nick Dawe says that although closing part of the road is inconvenient for road users, it allows the contractors to get the work done sooner and everyone will have an improved piece of road to drive on as a result.

A detour will be in place via Anderson Road to allow for access to the remainder of Rawhitiroa Road. Mr Dawe says that while only a portion of the road will be closed, all traffic, especially heavy vehicles, should follow the detour to avoid having to turn around at the closed part of the road.

The work will take six weeks (weather dependant) to complete and will cost approximately \$750,000.



### Collingwood Roadworks

Work on the Clifford/Collingwood Street Eltham intersection is progressing well, with the first concrete pour completed by contractors early Tuesday morning. This is the largest of the four concrete pours that will be done before the contractors move on to getting the new water mains into the ground.