



Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki
District Council

No Time

To Waste

**Tell us what you think about changes
to our waste collection service.**

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Let's

Talk Trash...

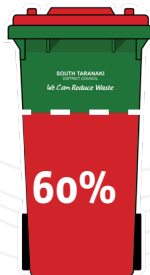
Every six years Council must develop a **Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP)** detailing how we will manage and minimise our District's waste.

Our vision is 'Zero waste to Landfill 2050'

We want to know what you think about the proposals in the Plan, so please take the time to get involved and have your say.

Consultation on the Plan is open from Monday 28 August to 11 October 2023.

The amount of waste we currently generate and send to landfill is no longer environmentally or economically sustainable and **we must change what we do.**



Solid waste makes up 25% of the Council's total carbon emissions (i.e. greenhouse gases), which in turn contributes to global warming and climate change.

25%

After surveying what is put into our general waste bins, we found that up to 60% could actually be recycled or composted.

By decreasing the amount sent to landfill, we can significantly reduce our emissions footprint and minimise costs at the same time.

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



South Taranaki - 120kg waste to landfill per person

New Plymouth - 90kg waste to landfill per person

Did you know?

Across Taranaki, 22,000 tonnes of waste is collected from kerbside services each year, of which 44% is diverted into recycling or composting. The New Zealand Waste Strategy (Te Rautaki Para Aotearoa) requires us to divert 50% of waste collected at kerbside through recycling or composting by 2030. We are heading in the right direction, but **there is still more to do.**



What does it cost to deal with our waste?

Managing our waste is not cheap.

Last year it cost \$5.5 million to run our waste services, funded through user fees, general and targeted rates*.

Over the next six years it's only going to get more expensive, mainly due to Government levies being placed on all waste sent to landfill and increased costs for the kerbside collection service (e.g. fuel, new collection vehicles etc).

Did you know that we must pay the Government a \$50 levy for every tonne of waste sent to landfill? On 1 July 2024

this increases to \$60. South Taranaki currently sends 13,639 tonnes of waste to landfill (including 3,632 tonnes from kerbside collection and 10,007 tonnes from our transfer stations) which means we will have to pay the Government almost \$820,000 in waste levies alone at this rate.

The good news is that we can do something about this. For example, if we recycled or composted the 60% of waste in our bins currently going to landfill, we could save \$130,000 on the cost of Government levies.

We can save money **if we act now.**

**Note: only ratepayers who receive the kerbside rubbish and recycling collection service pay the targeted rate.*

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 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 of organic waste 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 have to pay less Government waste levies. This will reduce future cost increases on the annual kerbside rubbish and recycling targeted rate by around \$75.

**Note: We don't propose any changes to the current voluntary greenwaste service.*

Option 1

Council's preferred option



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

Collected fortnightly

140L
General
Waste bin
(from 120L)

240L
Recycling
bin
(from 140L)

60L
Glass
crate
(same size)

Collected weekly

25L
Food Scraps
bin
New!



New

The downsides are:

- Overall, there will be **less capacity** with the general waste bin (100 litres less a fortnight), although there will be an additional 50 litres a fortnight for food waste, which we previously didn't have.
- **Scheduling will be a little bit more complicated** as residents will need to change from weekly to fortnightly collections. However, fortnightly collections are standard for many other districts around the country.

What do
You Think?



Complete your submission before
Wednesday 11 October:

- Use the online submission form
- Email consultation@stdc.govt.nz
- Deliver to one of our LibraryPlus or the Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

Option 2

Similar service to what we currently offer, with the inclusion of food waste



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

Collected weekly

120L
General
Waste bin
(same size)



140L
Recycling
bin
(same size)



60L
Glass
crate
(same size)



25L
Food Scraps
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The downsides are:

- It's a lot more expensive – with the increase in Government levies and increased rates for the kerbside collection service, to keep our kerbside collection service weekly, and introduce a food waste service we expect the costs could almost double from the current \$220 per property to \$400.
- It does not encourage waste reduction or diversion from landfill to the same extent as option 1.

There is also the option of not introducing the weekly food waste collection service until we are required to in 2030 which, in the short term, would save around \$70 per property per year. The downsides to this would be that we **take longer to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill** and our general waste bins could get a bit smelly if collected fortnightly.

Other actions in the Plan

To help us achieve our vision of “Zero Waste to Landfill 2050” the Plan includes a six-year work programme and seven key priorities which are:



Establish a community-based composting network through marae, community gardens and food resilience projects.



Work with community groups and repair businesses to expand ‘repair cafes’ throughout region.



Offer alternative disposal and/or recycling options for commonly dumped material through partnerships with product stewardship schemes.



Support development of local processing and new markets for treated timber and other materials that are currently transported out of region for recycling.



Advocate to central government to:

Mandate sustainability ratings on product packaging

Develop additional product stewardship schemes, right to repair legislation, and container return schemes

Ban organics being sent to landfill



Expand recovery options through transfer stations and a resource recovery network.



Support the commercial sector to transition to a circular economy.

We want to know what you think of these priorities

The full list of actions can be viewed in the full WMMP which is on our website www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk



Have Your Say



The proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan is now open for public consultation.

This is your chance to share your views with us, so please take the time to get involved.

There are several ways you can have your say.

- Use the online submission form
- Deliver to one of our LibraryPlus or the Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera
- Email consultation@stdc.govt.nz

Privacy Statement

Submissions are a public record and will be included in a publicly available Council agenda and will remain on the Council's minute records.

We collect your personal information to contact you throughout the consultation process. Your name will be published but your contact details will remain confidential. If you choose not to enter contact details, we'll be unable to contact you with regard to the process e.g. points of clarification in your submission and the outcomes.

The information collected from you is securely stored and disposed of after 7 years.

Find out more

- Visit the Council's website www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk
- Telephone 0800 111 323
- Contact one of your elected representatives
- Visit one of our LibraryPlus or the Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera



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Te Mahere
Whakahaere me te
Whakaiti Parapara

**Waste Management
and Minimisation
Plan**

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