

Kerbside services

Thanks for your recent submission

Whanganui District councillors decided to introduce kerbside recycling from mid-2023 and food waste from mid-2024.

After hearing community submissions, councillors voted to lower the cost of kerbside services by 20 percent (using central government funding from waste levies).

When deciding on the services, councillors took community submissions as well as cost of living pressures, climate change obligations and central government direction into account.

From

1 JULY 2023 KERBSIDE RECYCLING

A kerbside service will make it easy for people to join in and do their bit for the environment.

Estimated at \$2.14 weekly.

Collecting glass, plastics 1, 2 and 5, aluminium and steel cans, and paper and card.



From

1 JULY 2024 KERBSIDE FOOD WASTE

Food scraps in rubbish bins rot at the dump and put out greenhouse gases, so collecting food waste is climate action. We can turn it into compost instead.

Estimated at \$0.82 weekly.

Collecting raw and cooked food scraps, meat, fish, bones and some compostable packaging.



Which households pay?

Only households in the collection area will pay for the service - that's the Whanganui urban area and Fordell, Marybank and Mowhanau villages.

What if I already compost?

The collection will deal with a far larger variety of food scraps than can normally be home composted, such as meat, bones, fish, cooked food and some compostable packaging. In order to maximise environmental benefits and minimise costs, it will be an all-in service.

When will collection happen?

Food waste collection will be weekly. Kerbside recycling will be a fortnightly collection with glass collected one week, and other recyclables like cans, plastic and paper and card collected on the alternate week.

What if I'm outside the collection area?

The Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre on Maria Place will remain open for households in rural areas and to receive items that cannot be collected kerbside. Also, two recycling stations will be trialled in rural areas.

Can I opt out?

If an opt-in approach was taken the cost of the service would be significantly higher and the amount of food waste diverted from landfill would be substantially lower. Central government's recent consultation on kerbside services has indicated councils would need to provide an 'all-in' service.

What will the bins look like? How manoeuvrable will they be?

Two free food waste bins will be provided to every household - an 8L kitchen caddy with compostable liners (104 per household), and a 23L food waste bin to place out at the kerb. Both pest-proof bins are made from durable plastic with snap lock lids.

At this stage, it is proposed to provide three free 55L crates for recycling products. The open crates will not be lidded or wheeled, and will have holes in the bottom to allow for water drainage. There will be options for households to get stretchy covers to stop recycling blowing around.

Help will be available for getting bins to the kerbside where needed - we can work with households on a case-by-case basis to find solutions where accessibility is an issue or assistance is needed.



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