

## Tell Us What You Want - Frequently Asked Questions

### Current collection ...

#### *Who currently collects rubbish in Rangitikei?*

Budget Waste, Rangitikei Wheelie Bins and Waste Management carry out a private kerbside collection service across Rangitikei. Council does not own or manage these service providers.

#### *Do we have a kerbside recycling service in Rangitikei?*

There is no kerbside recycling service currently in place.

#### *Where can I take my recycling now?*

There are Council-owned transfer stations in Bulls, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Marton, Ratana and Taihape. Accepted recycling goods can be dropped off free of charge. Currently there is a charge for green waste but Council is looking to reduce this from next year.

#### *What is the status quo?*

- Private companies undertake kerbside rubbish collection (not managed by Council).
- No kerbside recycling collection.
- Waste transfer stations for recycling (free).

### Why?...

#### *Why is Council asking whether we want a kerbside recycling and/or rubbish service?*

Council is committed to developing its waste minimisation initiatives and has a Waste Minimisation Plan in place which identifies ways which the volume of waste to landfill can be reduced. As part of this, a kerbside recycling service is likely to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

#### *What is a Waste Minimisation Plan?*

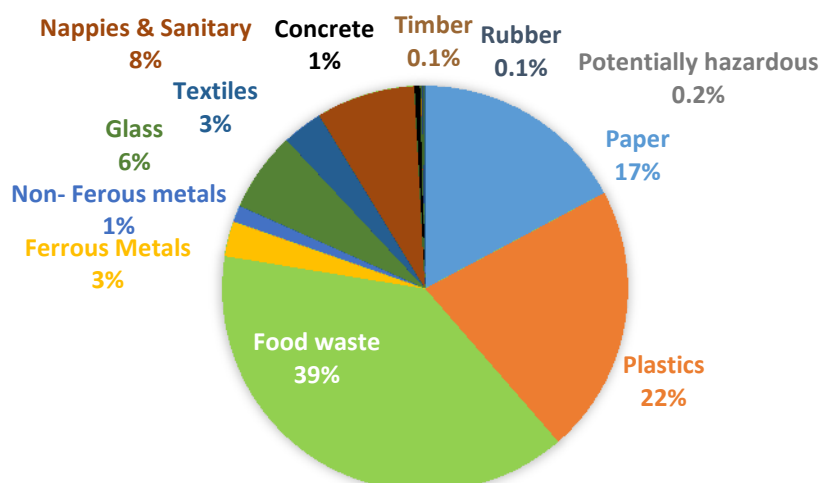
The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) requires councils to assess their waste services. Council has identified a range of issues and options around recycling and disposal of waste for our District. The plan aims to ensure waste related activities are effective, efficient, safe, reduce impact on the environment, and are accessible to much of our community.

#### *How much waste is currently recycled?*

83% of the District's waste is currently going to landfill. Only 17% is being recycled, including 6% as green waste which is turned into compost.

#### *What is the waste going into rubbish bags and into landfill?*

Most of the waste going to landfill (based on weight) is food waste. However, 45% of waste in the rubbish bags could be recycled.



## Options ...

### *What will be provided for a kerbside recycling collection service?*

A large wheelie bin (240 litre) for recycling (i.e. cardboard, plastics and cans) and a crate (45 litre) for glass, jars and bottles will be provided and collected fortnightly.

### *What will be provided for a kerbside rubbish and recycling collection service?*

A large wheelie bin (240 litre) for recycling (i.e. cardboard, plastics, cans) and a crate for glass and bottles, collected fortnightly and a smaller wheelie bin (120 litre) for household rubbish, collected weekly.

### *Could bags be provided instead of bins?*

Council's proposal is for bins, as the world is moving away from single use plastic bags.

### *Will the service be offered to rural properties?*

No – rural properties would continue to dispose of their own rubbish and recycling.

### *Which urban areas would receive this service?*

The residential areas of Turakina, Ratana, Koitiata, Scotts Ferry, Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Taihape and Mangaweka. Refer to the maps on Council's website at [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) which show where the boundaries of the collection areas would be.

### *Are commercial properties being offered this service?*

No, only residential properties are included. If the decision is made to go ahead with a recycling or recycling and rubbish service there may be the opportunity for commercial properties to use the same contractor, but this would be a private business arrangement between both parties.

### *What happens if the majority of people do not want either of the proposed options?*

Council will consider the results of this survey and make a decision on which option to take – whether to implement a 'kerbside recycling' or 'rubbish and recycling service', or whether to retain the status quo.

## If a Council kerbside recycling and/or rubbish collection service is implemented

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### *If either option is agreed to, when would this start?*

It is hoped the service would start on 1 July 2019. Timing will depend on negotiating the contract(s) for providing the service.

### *What happens if I have more rubbish and/recycling than the Council-provided bins and crates will take?*

You can use the waste transfer stations or make your own arrangements for pick-ups. This will be the case for most commercial and industrial businesses.

### *Who will own the wheelie bins and crates?*

They would be owned by Council and assigned to individual properties.

### *Would the waste transfer stations continue to be available to the public?*

Yes – people will be able to take rubbish and recycling to the waste transfer stations (charges for rubbish will apply). Green waste, gas bottles, tyres, and e-waste will continue to be accepted at the waste transfer stations – nothing will change at the Waste Transfer Station.

### *What will happen to green waste?*

Green waste will not be part of the kerbside collection, but will continue to be accepted at the waste transfer stations. Council is looking at options for reduced charges for green waste at the waste transfer stations.

### *What will happen to the operators that collect the rubbish now if Council goes ahead with a kerbside recycling and rubbish collection service?*

The current rubbish collection operators will be able to submit a proposal to provide the Council operated service. It is not guaranteed that the current operators would be the successful business. If they were not successful they would be able to continue to operate as a private contractor, however, there would be increased competition from the Council-provided service.

### *If this goes ahead, can I opt out?*

No – the system can only work if all residential properties within a collection area are included.

### *What if my Council-supplied bin or crate gets stolen, lost or damaged.*

The bin or crate will be replaced at the property owner's expense.

## Costs

### *Do I currently pay rates towards rubbish or recycling?*

Yes – every ratepayer pays a solid waste charge which partly funds the Council's waste transfer stations. Rates also cover the cost of emptying public litter bins and taking that rubbish to the waste transfer stations as well as dealing with fly-tipping (waste dumped on the roadside). Council rates do not cover kerbside collection of rubbish.

### *How much will it cost each urban residential ratepayer?*

The cost would be via a targeted rate on each inhabited residential urban property (vacant properties will be not charged). For the recycling only service it would be around \$125 per year. For a rubbish and recycling service it would be around \$195 per year. Exact costs won't be known until a contract is confirmed.

### *How does the cost compare to my current rubbish collection?*

Current rubbish bag collection costs - For rubbish bags, based on 1 bag per week at \$2.00 per bag, the annual cost is \$104 per year for rubbish collection only. Wheelie bins are provided by private collection companies, prices vary and are quoted on request.

## Environmental considerations

### *How does recycling benefit the environment?*

More recycling means less waste going to landfill. This saves natural resources, landfill space, creates jobs, saves energy and generally helps to protect the environment.

Paper can be recycled into newspaper, metal can be recycled as part of new appliances; glass can be recycled as new bottles, or house insulation; plastic can be made into clothing such as fleece jackets.

### *Why will a kerbside recycling service help?*

A kerbside recycling service will make it easier to recycle – meaning that more recycling will occur.

## More information

### *Where can I find out more information on transfer stations (hours, location, etc)?*

Council's website provides this <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling>