YOUR REFUSE AND RECYCLING GUIDE

www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz
Waikato District Council has a plan for reducing waste to help make our district an even better place to live. Refuse and Recycling services are one of the many services you get for your rates.

The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) supports our district-wide waste minimisation goals through a user pays approach for households who have a kerbside waste collection. The new service starts on 1 July 2016. It will help us achieve:

- Reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill
- Managing waste as locally as possible
- Lowering the total cost of waste to our community as a whole
- Reducing the risk of environmental damage and protecting public health.
WHY ARE WE CHANGING?

It’s time to see our waste for what it can be – a valuable resource.

The tips in this guide will help you reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill. It’s much easier than you might think!

64% OF OUR WASTE CAN BE RECOVERED

You can find out more at: www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz
WHAT ARE OUR NEW WASTE SERVICES?

For the North Waikato and Central service area’s:

- A weekly recycling collection with two Council supplied crates for glass, plastic, tin and aluminium per household
- A weekly paper and cardboard collection placed inside a box, plastic bag, or bundled next to your recycling crates
- A weekly refuse collection, in which you can use any bags up to 60L and weighing up to 20kg. One prepaid sticker to be placed on each bag
- RRP $1.50 for each prepaid sticker
- An annual inorganic phone-in service where you will be notified of your area’s collection month.

North Waikato residents please note some collection days are changing from 1 July. Visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz for new collection days.

For the Tuakau service area you will be receiving:

- A weekly recycling collection with two Council supplied crates for glass, plastic, tin and aluminium per household
- A weekly refuse collection using a 120L wheelie bin on a pay-per-lift basis. Please check out page 13 for more details of the pay-per-lift collection
- An annual inorganic phone-in service where you will be notified of your area’s collection month
- RRP $3.00 for each pre-paid tag.

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For Te Mata and Te Uku:

- Recycling drop off points

Raglan service area you will be receiving:

- A weekly recycling collection with two Council supplied crates for glass, plastic, tin and aluminium per household
- A weekly collection of pre-paid refuse bags either 60L or 30L bag
- From March 2017 a Food Waste Collection will commence. Further information is available on page 12.
Below is what the collection service in your area looks like

### Recycling

- **Tuakau**
- **Raglan**
- **Central**
- **North Waikato**

### Refuse

- Tuakau
- Raglan
- Central
- North Waikato

### Food waste

- **Tuakau**
- **Raglan**
- **Central**
- **North Waikato**

Note: see page 13 for tag details and what it looks like.

This is what your sticker looks like

**Waikato District Council**

- **Refuse Collection Sticker**

  - One sticker per bag
  - Place sticker firmly and clearly on bag
  - Bags should be out on kerbside by 7:30am on collection day

- Wrap all sharp objects in thick paper or cloth for safety reasons
- Maximum bag size 60L
- Maximum bag weight 30kg

Find out more on 0800 492 472 or www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz

The new Council stickers and tags will be available from the Council offices from June. For other outlets in your area please visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz
Wash and squash all containers

Leave the lids on all bottles and containers

Containers should be no larger than 4L

Tetra Pak® cartons are NOT accepted (plasticised cardboard cartons for milk and other drinks)

Yes Please

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic bottles from bathroom/laundry
- Plastic containers 1, 2 and 5 only
- Pizza boxes (empty only)
- Advertising mail and envelopes
- Egg cartons
- Newspapers/magazines (please bundle in a plastic shopping bag or cardboard box)
- Bundle paper in a plastic shopping bag or cardboard box
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium cans
- Steel and tin cans
- Empty aerosols

No Thanks

- Plastic bags (only used for bundling paper)
- Motor oil
- All types of batteries, hazardous waste and poisons
- Polystyrene meat trays, packaging
- Plastics 3, 4, 6, 7 +
- Clothing, shoes and textiles
- Broken glass, window glass, mirror glass, lightbulbs
- Cookware, Pyrex, drinking glasses and crockery
- Building waste
- Tetra Pak®

Please note: these items may be able to be recycled at your local Resource Recovery Centre or Transfer Station.
Reduce your food waste and save money

Reducing the amount of waste and composting your leftovers are two easy ways to reduce the amount of food waste you send to landfill.

Get composting

Composting is a great way to keep the goodness in your garden. It’s easier and cleaner than you might think.

Types of composting

Compost bin: For food scraps, garden pruning, grass and dead leaves.

Worm farm: Use to dispose of food scraps and small amounts of paper.

Bokashi fermentation bucket: For food scraps, including meat and cooked leftovers.

What can I do with my garden waste?

- Use your garden waste to build healthy compost
- Mulch your lawn clippings and garden waste
- Take your garden waste to a nearby transfer station or green waste drop-off point
- Sign up with a green waste collection company.

For future workshops on composting and reducing your waste visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz

Raglan, see page 12 for your food waste collection details coming 2017.
Leave your bin or bag as close as you can to the kerbside, clear of the footpath and clear of other bins

Place your bin or bag away from signs, lamp posts and trees. Make sure your bag is not overfull and that your bag is safe to carry

Place your bin or bag out by 7:30am on your usual collection day. Remember to check www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz for public holiday changes

Remember if you don’t put your refuse and recycling out right, it may not be collected

Wrap any broken glass or sharp objects thoroughly before putting them in the refuse bag

Place a pre-paid sticker on each refuse bag or a yellow tag on your wheelie bin.

ON YOUR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

Hot ashes

Car batteries

Recyclables including paper and cardboard

Hazardous materials

Building materials

Medical
Litter and illegal dumping

Litter
Littering makes our streets untidy and can pollute our waterways and beaches. We can all do our bit to keep our communities litter free by putting our refuse and recycling bins or bags out correctly.

Illegal dumping
Council investigates illegal dumping and will prosecute serious offenders. The penalties for illegal dumping can be significant. If you see someone littering or dumping a large amount of refuse, please contact Waikato District Council immediately on 0800 492 452.

Inorganic collections
The inorganic phone-in collection service will begin in late 2016. The new collection system will be better for you and for the community, by recovering more items for re-use or recycling which means sending less to landfill. You will be able to book in a collection during your area’s collection month. For more information please visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz

Please note: This excludes Raglan residents.

Big items don’t belong in refuse
Please don’t put large household items in your recycling or refuse collection. There are other ways to dispose of these things responsibly. You can:

- Recycle, repair, donate, gift or exchange items
- Drop them off at a transfer station during opening hours (charges may apply)
- Contact the manufacturer to see if they will take the product back for recycling.

Find a new home for your stuff
If you have items that are too good to throw out you can donate them to your local charity store – some will even collect large items or bulk donations. You could also post your unwanted items on social media, or check out the Recyclers Directory (www.recycle.org.nz) which has information on recycling a wide range of items.
To find out more about your inorganic collections call 0800 492 452
Raglan Resource Recovery Centre

The Raglan Resource Recovery Centre is helping create centres within the community where you can drop off your unwanted items for recycling or reuse. This centre will be run by local businesses and community enterprises, helping to create jobs and keep more money in the local community.

Xtreme Zero Waste (XZW)

www.xtremezerowaste.org.nz is a Council partner contracted to operate the Raglan Resource Recovery Centre. This provides the Raglan community opportunities to access their own resources. Their contract includes weekly kerbside collection, street bins and Zero Waste Education.

XZW offers more services including a reuse shop, metal yard and wood yard, E-cycle drop-off, business recycling, consultancy, education, mentoring, waste audits and site tours.

With approximately 75% diversion from landfill, XZW are turning Raglan’s waste into resources and moving towards zero waste.

Raglan Resource Recovery Centre is located at 186 Te Hutawai Road. Come check them out next time you’re in Raglan!

Monday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Sunday 8.00am – 4.30pm

Check www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz for public holiday changes.
There are two waste transfer stations in the Waikato District.

These are places where you can drop off recycling for free and dispose of items such as garden waste, larger household waste, hazardous household waste and scrap metal for a cost.

93 McVie Road, Huntly (MetroWaste)  
07 828 9719

Monday 7.30am – 4.30pm  
Tuesday 7.30am – 4.30pm  
Wednesday 7.30am – 4.30pm  
Thursday 7.30am – 4.30pm  
Friday 7.30am – 4.30pm  
Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Rata Street, Te Kauwhata (MetroWaste)  
07 826 3456

Monday Closed  
Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday Closed  
Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm  
Friday Closed  
Saturday Closed  
Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Check [www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz](http://www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz) for public holiday changes.
A recent study determined that 37-45% of Raglan’s domestic waste to landfill was organic.

Collecting and composting Raglan’s food waste will result in an estimated diversion from landfill of around 120 tonnes per annum.

The collection will commence in March 2017 with more information on the service available early 2017. The service will be rolled out in two stages over a two month period.

You will be provided with a kitchen caddie, biodegradable liners and a kerbside collection bin for storing and collecting your food waste. The collection will take place on the same day as the properties refuse and recycling collection. All food waste collected will be composted on site at Xtreme Zero Waste with the final product being available for sale to the public at the Raglan Resource Recovery Centre on Te Hutawai Road.

Visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz for more information.
For your bin to be collected it must have a Council pre-paid tag attached

- One pre-paid tag per wheelie bin
- Tag to be placed on handle as shown above (this tag will be removed during collection)
- Council recommends you write the serial number or your address on the tag to stop theft
- RRP $3.00*
- Lid to be closed flat
- No hot ash
- Recycling crates can be put out without your wheelie bin.

*The $3.00 is based on 120L being equivalent to $1.50 sticker for 60L bags.
Your collection day may be changing, for more information visit www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz
RESOURCES FOR YOUR KID’S FUTURE

Did you know that we are currently using resources 50% faster than the planet can replace them?

Play your part. Learn how you can make a difference by wasting less.

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Saving more for the planet

THIS IS JUST ONE WAY THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE