



WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY NUMBER: 5.6.3

POLICY FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

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1. Purpose of the Policy

To define the level of service provision and entitlements for kerbside waste and recycling services to be provided by Council and outline the requirements for both Council and the ratepayer in providing this service.

To outline bin types to be provided for various locations for Council provided services, to ensure standardised bin provision throughout the district.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all properties within the designated kerbside waste collection (scavenging) area approved by Council.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- “MGB” is a Mobile Garbage Bin
- “Bin” is a 240L Mobile Garbage Bin:
- “Council” is the Weddin Shire Council:
- “Property” is developed land.
- “Prohibited materials” include hot materials, oils, solvents, building materials or masonry, heavy materials, or any material classified as a listed waste under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 or that is classified as a hazard to the collection vehicle or collection system.

4. Residential Kerbside Waste Collection Service

Each property will receive;

- a. One weekly 240L MGB kerbside general waste collections,
- b. One fortnightly 240L MGB kerbside recycling collection, and
- c. Provision by Council of one 240L MGB for general waste and one 240L MGB for recycling.

5. Commercial and Industrial Kerbside Waste Collection Service

Each property will receive;

- a. Two weekly 240L MGB kerbside waste collections,
- b. One fortnightly 240L MGB kerbside recycling collection, and
- c. Provision by Council of one 240L MGB for general waste and one 240L MGB for recycling.

Council will provide the above service per rateable property for commercial and industrial premises within the kerbside collection area. Businesses are responsible for requesting additional MGBs if required which will be charged per services above the single service amount.

Council will continue to provide a cardboard collection services to the commercial properties, with these services to be further reviewed in the future.

6. Schools

Schools will be issued with a designated number (1 bin per 50 students) of 240L recycling bins to encourage recycling, and promote waste minimisation as part of council’s education campaign, that will be serviced on a fortnightly basis at no charge to the school.

A nominated number of 240L general waste bins and weekly collection service will be conducted, with all relevant charges as per the annual Management Plan.

Schools will be responsible for managing the disposal of waste to landfill in excess of the capacity provided.

7. Rural Households

A rural land holder may elect (via a written application) to receive one recycling bin for their property which will be recorded against the property and an annual charge imposed as per the Management Plan. This service will require the bin, once full to be exchanged at the Grenfell Waste Depot at no additional charge to the property owner.

8. Annual Refuse Charge

In accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council may impose an annual service charge, on land within its area to which it provides, or makes available a prescribed service.

Annually Council will adopt charges relevant to the waste collection and disposal, with the charges to be detailed within the Management Plan for that year.

9. Bin Replacement – Lost, Stolen or Damaged Bins

Damaged Bins

Are to repaired and/or replaced by the ratepayer, unless it can be demonstrated that the damage was as a direct result of Council's action and not the fault of the resident taking into account that all bins have a limited life and their condition will progressively deteriorate with normal use.

Stolen Bins

The waste bin and recycling bin will be replaced at no charge where the resident has reported the loss to the police and provided the police report number to the Council or, completed a statutory declaration and provided this to the Council.

Where a bin goes missing during change of ownership or tenancy, the property owner will be responsible for purchasing from Council a new bin.

10. Bin Provision Including New and Additional Services

The Council issued waste and recycling bins (stamped with WCS identification) are the property of Council and shall remain with the premises at which it is located should a change of occupancy or ownership occur.

If approved by Council, residents may receive an additional full waste collection service and will be charged an additional fee for this service.

Residents are required to submit a written application for new and additional services; application forms are available on Council's website or at the Council Offices or via a written request signed by the property owner. Upon approval & provision of the new or additional service the respective refuse service charge will be imposed.

Council will establish and maintain a bin register which links bins issued to the respective property.

Note: the replacement/supply of the new kerbside general waste bins will be deferred at this stage, with further review and budget consideration to occur in the future. The replacement program is expected to be conducted in a need basis instead of an entire one-off replacement.

11. Collection Times

The kerbside collection service is to operate between the hours of 7am and 5pm.

All bins are to be placed on the kerbside (or equivalent) at the front of the property a minimum of one (1) metre apart or, at a point determined between the contractor and the ratepayer/resident, by 6am on the day of the collection service.

Bins not placed out by this time may be classified as a non-collection and the Council may not collect this bin until the following scheduled collection day.

Council may approve changes to times of collection in special circumstances, including but not limited to, changes in tip operating hours on public holidays, disruption to services or emergencies, public holiday collections in areas where traffic or other activities such as public holidays may restrict reasonable access to bins.

12. Refusal of Service

Where contamination is observed in a commercial or domestic recycling bin, the Council may refuse to pick up the bin.

Where prohibited materials are placed into the waste bin, the bin may be refused for collection by the Council.

Where the bin exceeds 50kg in weight, the bin will be refused collection as it exceeds the maximum weight allowance for the robotic arms of the vehicle.

The Council will only empty general waste and recycle bins that are supplied by Council for an approved service.

In all the above cases the Council will notify the householder of the problem by attaching a sticker to the bin.

13. Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with the policy may render a landowner or occupier liable for legal action under the Local Government Act 1993 or Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

14. Review and Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed by September 2021 and thereafter at four (4) yearly intervals, to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of Council.

This policy may be amended or cancelled by Council at any time without prior notice or obligation to any person.

15. Adoption

- This policy commences as from the date of adoption by Council, being 20 April 2017 and replaces any previous policy.

16. History

Version	Details
5.6.1	Adopted 21 April 2011
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