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Your guide to

## KERBSIDE RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION

Expansion of Services

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## INTRODUCTION

Council through its 2021-31 Long Term Plan committed to expanding the kerbside wheelie bin and glass crate system, currently operating in the greater Greymouth area, out to all-remaining bag collection customers.

Smart Environmental, Council's solid waste contractor are implementing this service expansion for Council, with the delivery of your new wheelie bins and glass crate. The expansion of the service results in all remaining collection customers, receiving a recycling service.

The expanded service will commence on the week of 8 August 2022. Collection days are confirmed within this pamphlet.

The last week for bag collection in your area is the week starting 1 August 2022.

The expanded service includes services to the following general areas; Stillwater, Moana, Ruru, Te Kinga, Runanga, Rapahoe, Coast Road to Punikaiki River. Blackball, Moonlight, Atarau, Dobson, Kaiata, Kaiata Park, Gladstone, Camerons and Marsden. Kamaka, Ngahere, Ahaura, Totara Flat, Waipuna and Nelson Creek.

The service, like the greater Greymouth area, sees an alternate week collection, starting with your yellow recycling wheelie bin and blue glass crate. More detail and a handy pull-out calendar are within this pamphlet.

Please note that Council's kerbside recycling programme will not be collecting organic waste. This waste can be easily composted at home – a "how to" guide is enclosed.

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## KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

Council is expanding the kerbside recycling service into your area, from 8 August 2022. So, what does this mean for you?

### THE WHEELIE BINS AND GLASS CRATE

Bins and glass crates are being delivered to the kerbside of applicable properties late July/ early August 2022. Wheelie bins and glass crates are specific to the property and will have a property identifier on each bin. When you get yours, please check they have the correct property address (i.e. yours) on them.

There are TWO wheelie bins issued to each property on the collection route:

#### **1 x 120 litre bin for REFUSE red lid**

(equivalent to approximately TWO AND A HALF standard refuse bags)

#### **1 x 240 litre bin for RECYCLING yellow lid**

(equivalent to approximately FIVE standard refuse bags)

#### **1x 45 litre glass crate blue crate**

Note: If you have leftover official yellow or white refuse ties, you can still use these by putting them on refuse bags and taking the bags to McLean's Pit Landfill or your nearest Resource Centre, free of charge. Official yellow and white refuse ties will continue to be accepted at these sites.

### WHEN TO PUT YOUR BINS AND CRATE OUT

All wheelie bins and glass crates need to be placed out for collection by 7 am on collection day and brought back in from the street by 7 pm that night.

**“Out by 7, in by 7”**

The day your refuse and recycling bins will be collected is written on your bins.

Collection of bins and crates will be on an alternating weekly basis, i.e. one week you will put out your yellow RECYCLING wheelie bin and blue GLASS crate. The following week you will put out your red REFUSE wheelie bin.

Calendars showing which bin/crate goes out when are over the page.

## **BIN AND CRATE PLACEMENT**

Bins should be put out close to the kerb, preferably one metre apart and one metre from other objects, and unobstructed by vehicles, trees or power poles. Handles should face the house.

Hint: Take note of where your bins were delivered as they were delivered to the kerbside location where they are expected to be placed for collection.

## **MISSED, STOLEN OR DAMAGED BINS AND CRATES**

For missed collections, damaged, missing or stolen bins/crates, please contact the Council on (03) 769 8600. You will be required to pay costs only if the bin/crate is damaged due to negligence.

## **TIPS**

- Please put the right items in the right bins and clean glass bottles/jars into your glass crate.
- Squash boxes and bottles before putting them in the bin to make more room.
- Ensure your recycling is clean!
- Pay attention to weight – 80 kg maximum.
- Make sure your bins are put out by 7 am on collection day. Properties are to bring their bins back in by 7 pm that night – “out by 7 – in by 7”.
- Lid should be fully closed to ensure collection.





**REFUSE & RECYCLING KERBSIDE  
COLLECTION CALENDAR 2022**



**Put your recycling bin/  
blue crate out this week**

**Put your refuse bin out  
this week**

**JANUARY 2022**

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**DECEMBER 2022**

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Phone 03 768 7907

Check your bin for your collection day

In the event of public holidays collection days may alter. Please keep an eye on Council's website, Facebook page and the local paper

## WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

### RECYCLING

**All RECYCLABLES  
must be empty and clean!**

**NO GLASS BOTTLES, COMPOST OR WASTE**

Aerosol cans - empty only	Junk mail
Aluminium cans	Magazines
Books	Margarine
Cardboard and paperboard	tubs Milk
Cereal boxes	bottles
Coffee cans	Newspapers
Computer paper	Office paper
Cosmetic jars (lids go in the refuse bin)	Pet food tins
Drink bottles	Phone books
Drink cans	Plastics (numbered 1,2 and 5 only)
Envelopes, including window	Sandwich spread bottles / jars
Foil trays	Shampoo / conditioner bottles
Food cans	Soft drink / water bottles (numbered 1,2 & 5 only)
Greeting cards	Steel / tin cans
Ice cream containers	Toilet roll inners
Juice containers (no tetrapaks)	Wrapping paper
Yoghurt containers	



*HINT:*

*Look for the number on the bottom of plastic containers*

## RECYCLING BIN - QUICK REFERENCE CHART

# RECYCLING

What you can put into the RECYCLING bin...

**All RECYCLABLES must be clean!**



Cardboard



Cans (steel and aluminium)  
and empty aerosol cans



Plastics containers and bottles  
numbered 1,2 and 5 as shown here  
*(lids to go in red bin)*



Paper



## **X** What **NOT** to put into the RECYCLING bin...

Plastic Containers 3,4,6 &7	Aerosol cans ( <i>unless empty</i> )
Batteries	<b>Glass</b> or mirrors
Greenwaste	Liquids
Grass clippings	Porcelain
Plastic bags	Wood
Refuse	

Any other item NOT listed as acceptable above

**Maximum weight of bin: 80kg**



## WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR REFUSE BIN

WASTE	
NO GLASS BOTTLES, COMPOST OR RECYCLING	
Animal droppings in plastic	Paint tins
Band aids / dressings	Pens, pencils, felts, crayon
Batteries - alkaline	Plastic cutlery
Bread bags	Plastic wrap
Carbon paper	Plastics – 3, 4,6 & 7
Cassette tapes	Plate glass
Ceramics	Polystyrene meat trays
Cigarette ends	Pyrex
Cooking oils & fats ( <i>wrapped in old paper</i> )	Styrofoam
Crockery	Supermarket bags
Disposable nappies	Takeaway cups
Foam boxes / meat trays	Tetrapaks
Kitty litter	Toothbrushes
Light bulbs (excluding ecobulbs)	Toothpaste tubes
Lolly wrappers	Treated timber
Matchboxes	Vacuum dust
Multi-material packaging	Waxed paper
Oil containers	Window glass / mirrors

### What NOT to put in your REFUSE bin...

- Aluminium cans
- Ammunition
- Ashes – unless cold (i.e. have stood for at least two days)
- Cardboard
- Glass bottles (green, white, brown)
- Hazardous materials
- Liquids (including motor oil)
- Medical waste
- Plastics (numbered 1,2 & 5)
- Recyclable paper
- Steel cans



## REFUSE BIN - QUICK REFERENCE CHART

# REFUSE

What you can put into the REFUSE bin...

General refuse



Non-recyclable items



Non-hazardous materials



**X** What NOT to put into the REFUSE bin...

Aluminium cans

Ammunition

Glass bottles

Liquids (*including oil*)

Plastics (*numbers 1,2,5*)

Ashes unless they are cold (*i.e. have stood for at least 2 days*)

Steel cans

Cardboard

Hazardous materials

Paper

Maximum weight of bin: 80kg

## GLASS CRATE – QUICK REFERENCE CHART

### BLUE CRATE

Only clean **GLASS** bottles and jars

- ✘ No lids (these go in the red bin)
- ✘ No cans or tins (these go in the yellow bin)
- ✘ No plastic (refer to recycling symbol)
- ✘ No paper or cardboard (these go in the yellow bin)



## REFUSE AND KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION AREAS

The expanded service will commence on 8 August 2022.

Collection of bins and crates will be on an alternating weekly basis, i.e. one week you will put out your yellow RECYCLING wheelie bin and blue GLASS crate. The following week you will put out your red REFUSE wheelie bin.

### Expanded Service Areas – Bin and Crate Collection Days

#### Monday

State Highway 7 from Dobson (excluding Dobson), through to Stillwater, Moana, Ruru and Te Kinga.

#### Tuesday

State Highway 6 from Cobden Bridge to Punikaiki River, including Runanga, Dunollie and Rapahoe.

#### Wednesday

Taylorville Road from State Highway 6 to Ikamatua (excluding Ikamatua), including Taylorville, Blackball, Moonlight and Atarau.

#### Thursday

State Highway 7 (Omoto Road), from Cobden Bridge through to Kaiata, Kaiata Park and Dobson.  
Rutherglen Road from Shantytown turn off east through to Boddytown (excluding Boddytown), east to New River Bridge on Maori Creek Road.

#### Friday

East of Stillwater, along State Highway 6 to Kamaka, on to Ngahere, Nelson Creek, Ahaura Totara Flat, to Waipuna.

#### REMEMBER:

Your collection day is written on your bin. Collection of bins/crates from properties will be on an alternating weekly basis, i.e. one week you will put out your yellow RECYCLING wheelie bin and blue GLASS crate. The following week you will put out your red REFUSE wheelie bin.

Refer to the enclosed collection calendar.

## KERBSIDE COLLECTION FAQ's

The following questions have been raised in relation to the new service being provided by the Grey District Council.

<b>1.</b>	<b>How do I know which bin to put out and when?</b>
Refer to the collection calendar inside the information issued with your bins, download one from our website or collect a copy from our offices at 105 Tainui Street.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Can I decorate my wheelie bin?</b>
The collection contractor, Smart Environmental, own the wheelie bins and Council requests that residents do not draw on or decorate their wheelie bins in any way. If your wheelie bin has been drawn on, it is the householder's responsibility to remove the markings from the bin. Such drawing or decoration will be deemed negligent damage and the property owner may incur costs to replace the bin.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>I am dyslexic - can I put stickers on the back of the bins to help me distinguish between them?</b>
There should be no decorating or defacing the wheelie bins, however Council will discuss any specific needs on a case by case basis. If this applies to you, please contact Council on (03) 769 8600.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>This is a big change for some people. To make it easier, are there pictures available showing which materials go into each bin?</b>
A comprehensive information booklet was provided with each wheelie bin and there is also a sticker inside the lid of each bin showing what can be included. If you require further assistance or would like to discuss, please contact Council on (03) 769 8600.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>What if I do not have a complete allocation of bins at my property?</b>
Each property in the collection area is allocated one refuse (red lid) bin, one recycling (yellow lid) bin and one (blue) glass crate, for each Refuse and Recycling Collection charge they pay on their rates account. If you do not think you have received the correct number of bins, please phone the Council on (03) 769 8600.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>What if there are spare bins on my property?</b>
Contact the Council and arrange for the bins not allocated to the property to be uplifted and returned to stock.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>How are granny flats serviced under the kerbside collection?</b>
Where a property has not been subdivided but has had a 'granny flat' built on the same land parcel as the primary residence, only the primary residence will receive the standard service wheelie bins. This is because the entire property is only paying one Refuse and Recycling Collection rate.	

<b>8.</b>	<b>What if I have multiple properties? Can I move bins/crates between them?</b>
<p>If you own multiple properties, please do not move the wheelie bins/glass crates among your properties. All wheelie bins and glass crates need to remain with the property they are allocated to. If bins are put out for collection at a different address to the allocated property, they may not be collected and may be treated as stolen bins.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>What if there are no bins/crates at the house I have moved into?</b>
<p>Check with the previous owner/landlord to try to locate the bins/crate. If they cannot be located, then call the Council on (03) 769 8600.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>What if I have built, or moved into, a brand new house and there aren't any wheelie bins/glass crate?</b>
<p>Call the Council on (03) 769 8600.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Bins and crate have been delivered to a vacant site/building and the bins are just sitting outside. What happens with these?</b>
<p>If the property is not built on, Council will arrange for the bins and crate to be taken back until the property owner advises they want the service. If the building is not occupied, then the bins/crate are to be stored on the premises as the bins are allocated to the property.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>What happens to my bins/crate if I move house? Can I take my bins/crate with me?</b>
<p>No, the bins and crate stay with the house they are registered to. Your new house should have the bins/crate that are registered to it, so your old bins/crate will stay with your old house.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>What happens if I put a bin/crate not allocated to my property, out for collection?</b>
<p>The wheelie bin's and glass crate label corresponds with the property address the bin/crate was originally allocated to. The collector will check with the wheelie bin and glass crate database to confirm if a wheelie bin is outside the wrong property. If a bin does not belong to, or is not in the immediate vicinity, to the property it was allocated to, the kerbside collection contractor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will sticker the bin/crate advising the resident to contact Council with the reason for its use at an address other than the one it was allocated to.</li> <li>• If no action is taken by the user prior to the bin's/crate next collection, the collector may not uplift the contents of the bin/crate or may remove the bin/crate and return it to stock.</li> </ul>	

<b>14.</b>	<b>What if I want to have additional recycling/refuse bins or glass crate for my property or business or school?</b>
<p>Council’s contractor, Smart Environmental, will be providing a separate commercial operation for businesses, schools and residents who wish to add additional recycling and/or refuse capacity. This will be a direct commercial relationship between the property owner/occupant and Smart Environmental, i.e. you would pay Smart direct for the additional service. This is the same user pays system as the previous refuse collection system where if people wanted to put out extra bags over and above the annual allocated allowance (which equalled one bag per week residential), then customers had to buy extra official Council refuse ties.</p> <p>There are also other providers of refuse/recycling collections who may continue to offer their service into the future, e.g. wheelie bins and skips.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>I have multiple units/flats/businesses within my property and would like bins for each of the units/flats/businesses. However, I only pay one Refuse and Recycling Collection rate.</b>
<p>One Refuse and Recycling Collection rate on your rates account allows for one refuse (red) bin, one recycling (yellow) bin and one glass crate (blue). If you have multiple separately inhabited parts of a rating unit on your property (i.e. flats, separate businesses etc), an adjustment may be required to your rates account to reflect the correct number of separately inhabited parts of a rating unit on your property, thus enabling the correct allocation of wheelie bins/crates. Call Council on (03) 769 8600.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>Can I get an extra recycling bin instead of the refuse bin as I will not use the refuse bin?</b>
<p>Council resolved to provide each property in the kerbside recycling collection area with a 120 litre refuse bin, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 45 litre glass crate.</p> <p>Property owners can arrange for additional bins to be provided direct with the contractor, Smart Environmental. The additional bins will be a commercial arrangement between the property owner and the contractor. Refer to question 14.</p>	
<b>17.</b>	<b>Can I get a smaller or larger refuse bin, recycling bin or additional glass crates?</b>
<p>At this stage Council has decided to provide a 120 litre refuse bin, a 240 litre recycling bin and a 45 litre glass crate. These sizes are in widespread use in other areas throughout New Zealand. Council is not offering additional glass crates for properties at present, however extra glass bottles can be taken to your nearest Recycling Centre or Resource Centre.</p>	

<b>18.</b>	<b>What if I do not want the bins/crate that have been delivered?</b>
<p>Council has resolved to provide kerbside collection of refuse and recyclables using wheelie bins and glass crates. As at the end of July 2022, Council no longer provides a bag collection service within the district and these services are now been provided through wheelie bins and glass crates.</p> <p>If the property owner does not want the bins/crates, then Council can arrange for them to be taken away <u>provided</u> the property owner can confirm that they have an alternative service (e.g. commercial skip service). However, while the property owner may choose not to use the Council provided service, there would be no reduction in rates as the rate is applied on the basis of service availability.</p>	
<b>19.</b>	<b>What can I do if I think my property's wheelie bin(s) or glass crate, has been stolen or are missing?</b>
<p>The bin(s) or crate may have been taken in by a neighbour by mistake or the previous owners may have taken the bin(s) and crate with them - please check the address labels on the bins/crate either side of your property on collection day or contact the previous owner or your landlord/property manager.</p> <p>If you are unable to locate your missing bin(s) or crate, please phone Council on (03) 769 8600.</p> <p>If residents leave their bin(s) and/or crate out after 7 pm on their collection day and their bin is stolen, there may be a charge for replacement.</p>	
<b>20.</b>	<b>What happens if I leave my bins/crate out the front of my building and they are stolen or damaged?</b>
<p>The property owner/occupant is responsible for the care of the wheelie bins and glass crate. If the wheelie bin or glass crate is stolen or damaged, this will be dealt with on a case by case basis. If the bin is damaged through no fault or negligence on the bin user's part, it will be replaced. If residents leave their bin out after 7 pm on their collection day and their bin is stolen, there may be a charge for replacement.</p>	
<b>21.</b>	<b>If I have to demolish a property, is there anything I need to do regarding my wheelie bins?</b>
<p>The kerbside collection wheelie bins and glass crate belong to the property they were allocated to. Contact Council on (03) 769 8600 and advise when the dwelling on the property will be demolished and when the wheelie bins/glass crate, need to be removed. The bins/crate will be removed by the Council's kerbside collection contractor and returned once the property has been rebuilt.</p>	
<b>22.</b>	<b>Where do I put my bins/crate if I have no room for them inside or outside my property?</b>
<p>Council resolved to provide the improved bin/crate service. Just like the previous requirements to store refuse bags on the property until the collection day, property owners will need to make their own arrangements to store the bins/crate on their properties. The bins/crate cannot be left out on, for instance, the footpaths, road berm for prolonged periods as they will become a potential hazard for road users.</p>	



<b>23.</b>	<b>What happens if I cannot push the wheelie bin up and/or down the hill?</b>
Council has towing devices available for purchase. These can also be purchased from other retailers. – refer question 25.	
<b>24.</b>	<b>Where do I put my bins/crate when:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the footpath is back from the road?</li> <li>• there is grass verge in front of the road?</li> <li>• I live in a private right of way?</li> <li>• my house is on a small side road?</li> </ul>
<p>The bins and crates need to be placed out for collection in the same position where they were originally dropped off. Effectively, your bins/crate needs to be directly adjacent to the road edge, so if there is a grass berm at the edge of the road, they should be placed there.</p> <p>Where there is a side road, the wheelie bins will need to be wheeled down the side road and placed on the road edge at the main road. Council is offering towing devices at cost to allow bins to be towed behind cars if the wheelie bin needs to be moved some distance. Refer to question 25.</p> <p>The wheelie bin and glass collection trucks will not be going down private right of ways. Aside from the fact that private right of ways are not public roads, they are generally too narrow and also present a safety hazard if the vehicles cannot turn and have to back out of the lane.</p> <p>Note: wheelie bin collection trucks will not be driving on the grass verge as they have a mechanical grab system enabling them to pick up the bins from the kerbside. If there is any damage to grass verges as a result of the collection trucks, please contact Council on (03) 769 8600.</p>	
<b>25.</b>	<b>Where can I get a towing device for my wheelie bins?</b>
Some hardware and automotive stores sell towing devices for wheelie bins. You can also find towing devices listed on Trade Me. Council is currently selling some devices for \$20 each.	
<b>26.</b>	<b>Can I use liners/bags in any of my wheelie bins and glass crate?</b>
<p><b>Rubbish</b> – Yes. Any sort of liner or bag may be placed in the refuse wheelie bin. Please keep in mind that when the bin is emptied, the entire contents of the bin will be tipped into the back of truck, including any liner you may have in your bin.</p> <p><b>Recycling</b> – No. Please do not put any sort of liner in the recycling wheelie bin.</p> <p><b>Glass Crate</b> - No. Please do not put any sort of liner in your glass crate.</p>	
<b>27.</b>	<b>Can I put ashes in my bin?</b>
COLD ashes only can go into the refuse bin (red). By COLD ashes, we mean ashes which have stood for at least two days.	

<b>28.</b>	<b>What do I do with my food scraps if I don't have a compost bin or a worm farm?</b>
Food scraps that people cannot dispose of by other means (for instance a compost bin, worm farm or an "insinkerator") should be wrapped, bagged and placed in the refuse bin (red).	
<b>29.</b>	<b>How do I dispose of treated wood?</b>
<p>Machined wood can be treated with a range of preservatives to prolong its life as it is used for outdoor purposes, but it is difficult to identify whether the wood has or has not been treated to protect it from fungicides, pesticides, fire or from ultra violet light.</p> <p>Please place all building material scraps, processed (either treated or machined) wood, off-cuts and residues such as sawdust and cold ash into your rubbish bin (red), not your recycling bin.</p>	
<b>30.</b>	<b>How do I dispose of my camping or BBQ gas cylinders?</b>
Please <u>do not</u> put gas cylinders in your kerbside wheelie bins. Gas cylinders can be dangerous and may even explode! Please take your gas cylinders to the McLean's Pit Recycling Centre and they will take them for free.	
<b>31.</b>	<b>What do I do with medical waste, i.e. paper towels etc.?</b>
People will appreciate that this is a serious issue for the waste collection operators with respect to health and safety. The range of refuse and recycling materials that can be placed in the wheelie bins has been outlined in the information booklet provided with your bins. Material that is excluded will include medical waste that is deemed to be hazardous. It is expected that people working in these industries will have a good knowledge of what is hazardous. For further information, please contact Council on (03) 769 8600.	
<b>32.</b>	<b>Is Council going to provide a subsidy for people to set up worm farms?</b>
At present Council does not subsidise the provision of worm farms. Individuals who want this may wish to make a submission to Council for its next Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process (submissions open in March/April each year).	
<b>33.</b>	<b>My bin/crate has not been picked up and it has been stickered because it is contaminated. Why has this happened?</b>
The collection truck operator has cameras in the cab and can monitor what is being collected from the wheelie bins into the waste/recycling collection truck. The glass collection process is manual, and the operator can see what items are included in the crate before it is emptied.	

<b>34.</b>	<b>What if I can't lift my glass crate?</b>
Home help carers can be tasked with this, or maybe offer to help out your elderly neighbour.	
<b>35.</b>	<b>What do I do if I have more glass recycling than can fit in my crate?</b>
If you have an excess of glass recycling, this can be taken to McLean's Pit to be recycled for free. Council is working on having the new Recycling Bin on Preston Road open for use. The new Recycling Bin is a recycling station for glass, plastic, paper, tins/cans and cardboard	
<b>36.</b>	<b>Can I choose to not use my blue crate and get a refund on my rates?</b>
Council introduced the blue crate to improve the quality of the paper and plastics we recycle. When glass mixes with other recyclables (paper and cardboard) it results in a contaminated product that our contractor is unable to recycle. A refund on rates is not available.	
<b>37.</b>	<b>Can I put excess glass into my yellow (recycling) bin?</b>
No, yellow bins are used for plastics with the recycling symbols 1,2 and 5, cans and clean cardboard and paper.	
<b>38.</b>	<b>Are there any plans for a green waste bin?</b>
Not at present, if a green bin is something you would like to request, please make a submission to either the next Annual Plan or the Long-Term Plan.	
<b>39.</b>	<b>I am worried about my empty crate blowing down the street in the wind?</b>
The blue glass crate will be placed upside down once emptied by the collection contractor. This is common practice throughout the country and helps reduce the risk of the crate blowing around.	

## HOME COMPOSTING GUIDE

Composting is a natural process where micro-organisms, insects and earthworms decompose organic matter such as food scraps and garden waste into a soil-like material. Compost is a rich source of nutrients for your garden. Composting also helps to reduce the amount of rubbish you throw away, which saves you money and helps our environment by reducing the amount of waste going into our landfills.



## INGREDIENTS FOR COMPOSTING

For a healthy compost mixture you need a good balance of these four ingredients:

**Greens + Browns + Water + Air = COMPOST**

GREENS
(high nitrogen content)
Vegetable scraps
Fruit scraps
Coffee grounds and filters
Tea leaves and bags
Lawn clippings
Plant clippings
Flowers

BROWNS
(high carbon content)
Tree clippings (only small twigs & branches)
Dried leaves
Straw and untreated sawdust
Shredded paper towels, paper serviettes & tissues
Shredded paper or cardboard

Paper products and cardboard should be ripped into small pieces prior to composting and soaked in water for the best results.

Twigs and small branches should not be thicker than your finger and should be broken into small pieces for the best results.

## MATERIALS THAT CANNOT BE COMPOSTED



- Meat, fish or poultry
- Wood or timber
- Dairy products
- Hazardous substances
- Bones
- Weeds
- Styrofoam
- Liquids
- Glass, metals or plastics
- Plant residue with chemical spray
- Cooking oils or fats
- Dog or cat waste

## HOW TO MAKE COMPOST

<b>Step 1</b>	Choose your site. Compost bins or heaps should be located in a sheltered, level area of your garden that has good drainage and access. Don't make it difficult for yourself by putting the bin in a hard to reach place.  The site should ideally be within reach of a garden hose and preferably not in full sun. The compost heap should sit directly on the soil or a grass area.
<b>Step 2</b>	Before positioning the bin, turn over the soil with a garden fork or spade on the site to add drainage and encourage earthworms into the heap.
<b>Step 3</b>	To ensure good drainage and aeration, try to start the heap with a 10-15 cm layer of coarse material such as tree clippings or mature compost (desirable but not essential).
<b>Step 4</b>	Add a bucketful of greens (e.g. fruit, vegetables, lawn clippings) and a bucketful of browns (e.g. leaves, twigs, paper). Add water if the mixture is dry as the compost needs to be moist. The heap should heat up and shrink after a few days.
<b>Step 5</b>	Continue to add green and brown material to the heap. The best compost is made from a 50/50 split of green and brown material. When the bin is full, close the lid and leave the compost to mature.
<b>Step 6</b>	For optimal results, turn the heap every few weeks to increase air circulation and expose fresh material to insects and other organisms. Add water if the heap becomes dry.

## ODOURS

A properly built compost heap will have a small amount of odour but it should not be unpleasant. Strong and unpleasant odours usually result from an unbalanced compost heap,

e.g. composting grass clippings on their own, adding too many food scraps or adding the wrong types of foods. Bad odours will also occur if the heap becomes too wet or has too little air. To keep odours down, turn your compost heap each time you add material to enhance aeration and make sure you don't over-water your heap.

## ANIMALS AND PESTS

Adding food to a compost heap can make it more attractive to pests. In urban areas, the best way to avoid pests is to use an enclosed compost bin like those offered at home and garden stores.

## **CLIMATE**

The decomposition process that breaks down your food scraps and garden waste into compost is faster in the warm summer months than in the winter. Make sure you cover your compost to keep out the rain.

## **KITCHEN BIN**

It is a good idea to have a small kitchen scrap bin to store food scraps as they are produced. When this bin is full, you can transfer the food scraps to your compost bin outside. To keep odours down it is preferable to have a bin with a lid and to line your kitchen scrap bin with newspaper. The newspaper can be thrown into the compost bin after each empty. Make sure you only place acceptable food scraps in your kitchen scrap bin.

## **MATURE COMPOST**

It takes a while for compost to mature. Turning the compost will speed up the process and it should take around three to four months if the compost is regularly turned. If the compost is not turned, it should take up to nine months to a year for the compost to mature. Make sure to check the moisture content of the compost and add water to the heap if the material is dry. The compost should have a moisture level similar to a squeezed-out sponge. Ideally the finished product should look like potting mix but your compost does not have to be perfect. As long as most of the material is broken down (egg shells will not completely disappear) and you have material with a soil-like structure, your compost is ready to add to your garden.

## **USING THE COMPOST IN YOUR GARDEN**

You can use your compost at any time of the year. Early spring is a good time to add compost to your garden to help boost soil fertility, soil moisture retention and plant growth. The compost should be mixed into the top 5cm-10cm of your garden soil. If your compost is quite coarse you might want to pick out some of the branches to make it finer.

## McLEANS PIT RECYCLING CENTRE & RESOURCE CENTRES

As a general guide, the following is the composition of our present household waste:

- Paper & Cardboard – 20%
- Plastic - 15%
- Organic – 35%
- Glass – 11%
- Textile – 12%
- Metal – 7%

## WHERE YOU CAN TAKE YOUR RECYCLABLES

McLean's Pit Landfill and our Resource Centres continues to take all general refuse. Charges apply.

Your clean and empty recyclables can be disposed of FREE OF CHARGE at the new McLean's Pit Recycling Centre, Resource Centres or the new Preston Road Recycling Centre. Charges may apply for commercial operators.

The following items are accepted:

RECYCLING	
All RECYCLABLES must be empty and clean!	
<b>AEROSOL CANS - EMPTY ONLY</b>	
<b>CARDBOARD, e.g.:</b>	
Cereal boxes	Greeting cards
Toilet roll inners	
<b>CANS, e.g.:</b>	
Aluminium cans	Coffee cans
Drink cans	Foil trays
Food cans	Pet food tins
Steel / tin cans	
<b>PAPER, e.g.:</b>	
Books	Computer paper
Envelopes, including window	Junk mail

## RECYCLING

**All RECYCLABLES must be empty and clean!**

Magazines	Newspapers
Office paper	Phone books
Wrapping paper	
<b>PLASTICS NUMBERED 1,2 &amp; 5 ONLY – CHECK BOTTOM OF CONTAINER (ALL LIDS GO IN THE REFUSE BIN), e.g.:</b>	
Drink bottles	Ice cream containers
Juice containers (no tetrapaks)	Margarine tubs
Milk bottles	Shampoo / conditioner bottles
Soft drink / water bottles	Yoghurt containers
<b>GLASS (ALL LIDS GO IN THE REFUSE BIN), e.g.:</b>	
Bottles and jars	Cosmetic jars
Sandwich spread bottles / jars	Wine bottles

## GREENWASTE

Got lots of garden waste to get rid of?

Greenwaste or plant matter can be disposed of FREE at McLeans Pit Recycling Centre. Please note this does not include flax, bamboo, cabbage tree leaves, tree stumps, branches greater than 75 mm diameter, soil and hardfill. These will need to be disposed of at the landfill.





## WHERE TO DISPOSE OF YOUR REFUSE

### McLEAN'S PIT LANDFILL

McLeans Pit Road, Coal Creek Phone (03) 768 9861

#### Operating hours:

Monday to Saturday 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Closed on public holidays

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos, Visa and Mastercard.

**Car Bodies are** accepted free at McLeans Pit Landfill provided they are in the following condition:

- Fuel tanks empty and punctured
- LPG & CNG tanks removed
- Engine and transmission drained of oil
- Tyres removed (including spare)
- Free of all loose material – i.e. rubbish, rubber, mats etc.
- Deregistered

If you cannot deliver the vehicle in the required condition, a fee will be payable.

### BLACKBALL RESOURCE CENTRE

Corner Blackball and Roa Roads, Blackball

#### Operating hours:

Summer hours:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Winter hours:

Saturday & Sunday 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

**Council is reviewing the operation of this site at present and operating hours may be varied to allow mid-week opening hours. Keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook page for updates.**

## MOANA RESOURCE CENTRE

Arnold Valley Road, Moana

### Operating hours:

Weekdays (closed Tuesdays) 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

## NELSON CREEK RESOURCE CENTRE

Gows Creek Road, Nelson Creek

### Operating hours:

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Large quantities of hazardous waste are not permitted to be disposed of in Council landfills, however Council does accept domestic quantities of hazardous waste at McLeans Pit Landfill for storage in a secure bunded area until such time as it is collected by a suitably qualified contractor for appropriate safe disposal.

Hazardous waste includes: Acids, bitumen products, caustic wastes, chemicals, glue, hazardous inorganic chemicals, herbicides, lime, oil, paint, pesticides, resins, scheduled poisons, solvents.

- Never bury hazardous materials as they may contaminate ground water that you drink.
- Never pour hazardous wastes into a river, stream, sewer, storm-water drain or onto the ground.
- Don't burn plastics, rubber, aerosol containers or treated timber as this can produce toxins that can contaminate the environment.

Companies which may be able to assist with the disposal of hazardous waste are:

- JBL Environmental Ltd, Blenheim, Ph (03) 578 9622
- Solvent Refiners Ltd, Christchurch, Ph (03) 323 7153
- Chemwaste Ltd, Christchurch, Ph 0800 246978

If you see a hazardous substance spill or are responsible for a spill, phone the West Coast Regional Council IMMEDIATELY on 03 768 0466.