

All you need to know about recycling in Buller

Which areas have a recycling collection service?

- For refuse and recycling, the Buller District is divided into three zones. Each zone has specific guidelines which you will find at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-refuse-in-buller/>.
- Council provides kerbside recycling collection only in zone one. Zone one includes Westport, the areas north from Westport to the Mokihiui Bridge, Westport to Punakaiki, Westport to Reefton including Blacks Point, and Reefton to Ikamatua.
- If you live in zone one, the info below is for you. If your property is in zone two (Karamea) or three (Maruia/Springs Junction) go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-refuse-in-buller/> for more information.

How much does a recycling bin cost?

- For each household Council provides one 240L recycling bin and one 45L glass crate. Newly established properties with a house pay \$171 incl. GST per year (accurate July 2022) in the rates they pay to Council for these bins.
- If you want to replace your glass crate and recycling bin you will need to pay \$157 incl. GST. Go to our website “Request a recycling bin” to arrange a replacement.
- If you lose or damage your recycling containers, there will be a charge for a new ones. The price is \$135 incl. GST for a wheelie bin and \$33 incl. GST for a glass crate. Contact our Customer Service team in Westport to request a new crate or bin.

What happens when I move?

- Recycling bins belong to the property. If you move, the bins must stay at the property for the new residents.
- If you move to a new property, as either a tenant or owner, make sure you receive the bins. Otherwise please inform the vendor or landlord that the bins are missing. If you receive the property with no bins, then you have to purchase new ones.

How to do I use my recycling bin?

- You must follow the local recycling rules (see below for a summary of the rules). If you do not follow these rules, Smart Environmental Ltd can refuse to collect the bin.
- You will find clear guidelines at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-refuse-in-buller/>.
- It is important we all manage our waste correctly to improve the district’s recycling footprint and to minimise waste going into landfills.

What are the local recycling guidelines?

- The basics of recycling in Buller are:
 - Only plastics #1, #2 and #5 are received. (Please check numbers in the containers). They must be clean and without lids.
 - Cardboards and mixed papers can only be recycled if they are they are not soiled with food residue or grease. Due to the limited infrastructure to reprocess these materials, we strongly advise to reduce or compost cardboard and paper at home.
 - Tins, cans, and aluminium are received only if clean and rinsed.
 - Only put glass bottles and jars into your crate. Your crate will not be collected if it contains broken glass or window panes.
- The best way to improve our recycling system is following the three Rs model of reduce, reuse, and recycle.



How do I dispose of rubbish that cannot be recycled?

- You need to use the 60L official rubbish bags for rubbish that cannot be recycled. You can buy these at local supermarkets or at council offices for \$7.10- each (accurate July 2022).
- rubbish (refuse/waste) is any waste or item which cannot be recycled. Examples are: non-recyclable packaging, toothbrushes, clothes, batteries, and household items.
- You can dispose of refuse at the Westport and Reefton Transfer station during opening hours at a per tonne gate fee charge. You will find the locations on our website: <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/a-z-services/recycling-refuse-in-buller/12033-2/> .

Can I put my household refuse in another bag?

- No. If your rubbish is not put in an official rubbish bag it will not be collected.

What do I do if I have lots of refuse (event, commercial etc)?

- If you produce larger amounts of refuse e.g. commercial and waste from events you need to contact Smart Environmental Ltd to dispose your refuse. This agreement is directly between you and Smart Environmental and will incur a cost.

Council's role in waste management

- The Buller District Council is committed to looking after your district by providing the resources, supporting initiatives, hosting events, and partnering with local organisations and businesses to ensure we educate residents about correct recycling and refuse management.
- Council contracts Smart Environmental to provide waste and recycling collection and processing for Buller District.

How can I be a local hero?

- Many residents already actively minimise waste and recycle. No matter where you are on the journey to minimise your environmental footprint, we want to support you to be a local hero and do good for our environment.
- Follow @RRRBuller on Facebook to stay up to date and get tips and tricks.

Key to improving Buller's waste and recycling footprint is you. Please reduce, reuse, and recycle. Your participation is essential to minimise our district's impact on the environment by minimising material that will go to landfill.

For more information please contact Buller District Council.

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