

Buller's waste footprint

Learn how much waste and recycling is produced in Buller each year and what it is made up of.

Refuse
and
recycling

Find out how much refuse and recycling was collected in the Buller District in the year 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026.

The total amount of refuse generated in Buller was 2,535 tonnes.

Transfer Stations (Westport and Reefton)

REFUSE  **2,100t**

RECYCLING  **1,276t**

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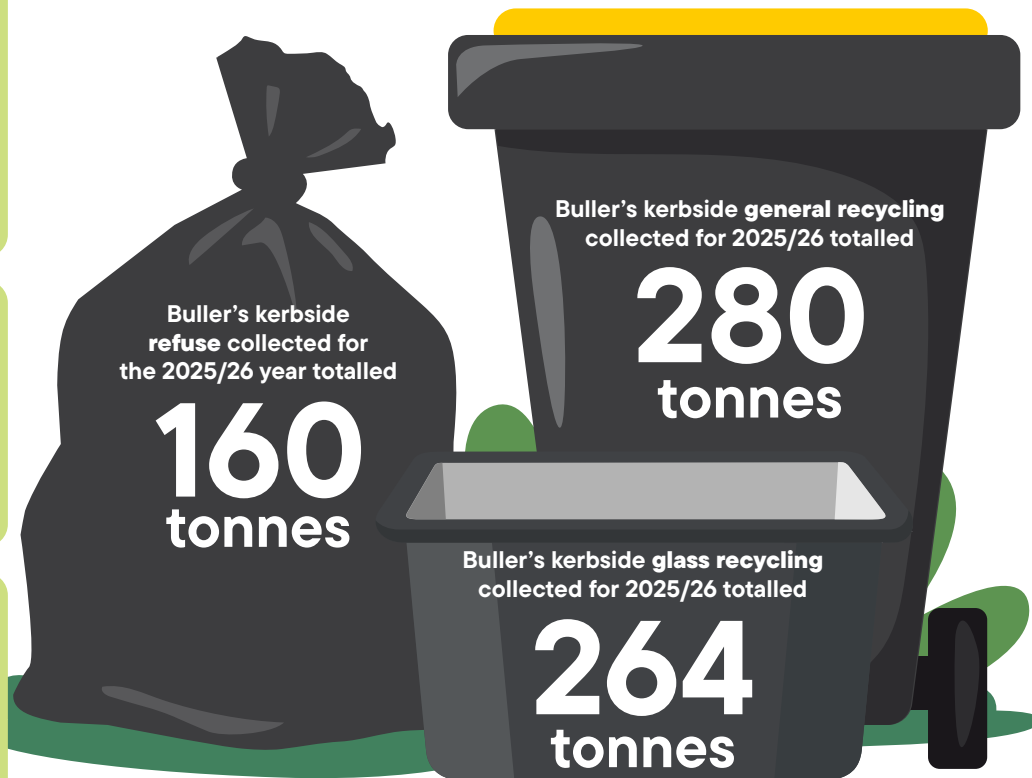
REFUSE  **188t**

RECYCLING  **24t**

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REFUSE  **87t**

RECYCLING  **23t**



Buller District general recycling quantities

Material diverted from kerbside collection and transfer stations
(note landfill material is not recycled).

 **Plastics #1, #2 and #5**
75t

 **Tins and cans**
139t

 **Garden waste**
894t

 **Paper and cardboard**
275t

 **Glass**
507t*

**42.4% of all waste collected
was diverted from landfill**

Recycling contamination

This refers to the quantity of materials deposited into recycling bins that cannot be recycled, such as plastics different to #1, #2 and #5, soft plastics and materials with multiple components.

**Buller's average
contamination
rate 2025/2026**



32.8%

(Down from 39% the previous year)

**National average
contamination
rate 2025/2026**



16%

1,639 tCO₂e
Reduced through recycling

Thanks to Buller's recycling efforts last financial year, the region reduced carbon emissions by an estimated 1,639 tonnes. Equivalent to taking around 350 passenger vehicles off the road for a year.



Reduce Reuse Recycle
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Shaping our district

*Note, data is by weight not volume. While volumetrically there is a significant quantity of plastics in the recycling stream, glass is the most dominant material by weight.