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NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1974

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FOREWORD

The NZS 9201 series are model bylaws covering various matters under local authority jurisdiction. Local authorities are empowered under the Local Government Act 1974 to make bylaws.

This Standard supersedes NZS 9201:Chapter 6:1972 *Removal of refuse*. The revision has been given a new title “Solid Waste” to reflect modern waste management practices. It now covers recycling, refuse storage and special wastes.

New terms “Official containers”, “Recyclables” and “Special wastes” have been defined. Reference should be made to NZS 9201:Part 1 *Introductory* for any other definitions not included in this Part.

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NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

MODEL GENERAL BYLAWS

Part 6

SOLID WASTE

600 SCOPE

600.1

The purpose of this Part of the bylaw is to ensure refuse is collected and disposed of in the interests of public health in an efficient and cost effective manner and at the same time ensuring that any obstruction of streets is kept to a minimum.

600.2

General issues relating to recycling, ownership of the waste stream, refuse storage and waste management are also covered by the bylaw.

600.3

The Solid Waste Bylaw is made pursuant to section 542 of the Local Government Act 1974.

601 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

601.1

For the purposes of this bylaw the following definitions shall apply:

HOUSEHOLD REFUSE means cold ashes, sweepings, dust, paper, bottles, bones and waste food, cans, cartons, or other food containers, or any other refuse arising or resulting from domestic housekeeping operations.

OFFICIAL CONTAINER means any mobile bin, plastic bag or multi-wall paper bag or other container from time to time approved by the Council and collected by or on behalf of Council.

RECYCLABLES means paper, aluminium cans, tins, bottles, glass jars, small ferrous items and plastic containers coded "1" or "2" and other items that are specifically identified.



REFUSE CONTAINER in relation to household refuse means any household refuse container approved by the Council from time to time, and all references to refuse containers in this Part of the bylaw shall, where the context permits, include official containers.

SPECIAL WASTES mean any wastes whether from a trade premise or any other source which is hazardous toxic or by its nature requires special disposal because of environmental considerations or landfill operational requirements.

TRADE REFUSE means any scrap or waste material resulting from the carrying on of any business, manufacture, process, trade, market, or other undertaking.

601.2

For the purposes of this Standard the word “shall” refers to practices that are mandatory for compliance with this Standard, while the word “should” refers to practices which are advised or recommended.

602 REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council may from time to time by resolution, publicly notified, make and amend a set of policy statements governing the collection of all types of refuse and/or recyclables by or for the Council, including the weights and contents of containers which will be collected, the placing of containers for such collection and such other matters as the Council considers relevant and such policy shall be enforceable as part of this Bylaw. Upon the making or amendment of such policy the Council shall in full give public notice of the policy so made or amended.

603 CONTAINERS TO BE KEPT CLEAN AND IN REPAIR

Every occupier shall keep their refuse container as clean as practicable and shall maintain the same in good repair to the satisfaction of an authorized officer.

604 CONTAINERS TO BE PLACED CONVENIENTLY FOR EMPTYING OR REMOVAL

604.1

Every occupier shall, on the day and not later than the time specified by public advertisement from time to time for removal of refuse, cause the refuse container or refuse containers to be closed to prevent spillage and placed for collection in such situation as may be required by an authorized officer appointed on that behalf.

604.2

Every refuse container put out for collection by or on behalf of the Council shall be an official container.

605 DEPOSIT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS IN CONTAINERS PROHIBITED

No person shall deposit or cause or permit or suffer to be deposited in any refuse container:

- (a) Explosive, hot ashes, highly flammable material, infectious material;
- (b) Liquids, acid, printer's ink, paint, or any other viscous fluid;
- (c) Broken bottles, glass, glass articles, broken crockery, china or other such sharp articles or materials unless such sharp articles or materials are wrapped so as to prevent injury to persons engaged on collection or disposal work;
- (d) Any matter, thing or refuse of any kind whatsoever, other than household refuse;

provided that if rigid wall containers are used, item 605.1(c) shall not apply.

606 ACCUMULATION AND STORAGE OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

606.1

Every owner or occupier of any premises shall ensure that no accumulation or collection of refuse, except as is herein provided, is permitted or suffered to remain or be in, on, or about such premises or any portion thereof.

606.2

Refuse shall not be packed tightly in rigid walled refuse containers, but shall be stored in such a manner that the whole of the contents of the container fall out easily and cleanly when the container is upended.

607 REMOVAL OF TRADE REFUSE

Where Council has reached an agreement to remove trade refuse, such refuse will be removed or disposed of by Council, only when the refuse is contained within an official container.

608 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The disposal of refuse on any land or premises set aside by Council for the disposal of refuse shall be subject to such conditions as Council may from time to time by resolution impose in respect of the hours of opening and closing, the nature of the refuse which may be disposed of therein, the charges in respect of any such disposal, the position in any such place, in which refuse may be placed, and any other matter which Council may consider necessary or desirable to determine by any such resolution.

609 RECYCLING

609.1

The Council may arrange for the collection of specified recyclable material from specified or agreed locations notified by public notice.

609.2

The Council may supply to occupiers a specially marked container or containers for the recyclable materials to be placed in.

609.3

When a Council provided container has been placed on any road for collection by the Council, no person shall interfere with or remove the container or the contents, except in the course of collecting the same on behalf of the Council.

609.4

No person shall place or leave any non-recyclable materials in any recycling container or at any recycling station.

610 RESTRICTIONS ON REFUSE COLLECTION OPERATIONS

No person shall engage in the collection of trade or household refuse or recyclables awaiting collection from a public place without the prior written consent of Council and subject to such conditions as the Council may from time to time impose.

611 OWNERSHIP OF WASTE STREAM

Except with the prior permission of Council or an authorized officer, no person, other than the occupier of the property from which the waste has come, shall on any public place interfere with or remove any waste which is awaiting collection by an authorized collector.

612 SPECIAL WASTE

No person shall place any special waste in a public place.

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