

Mahere taumanu para Resource recovery plan

We want to minimise all waste and its impact on the environment.

The national Te Rautaki Para Waste Strategy provides a roadmap for a low-emissions, low-waste society built upon a circular economy. A circular economy is one where products are better able to be recovered, reused, repurposed or regenerated. This model is an alternative to a 'take-make-use-waste' approach to our products and purchases.

The national changes will reshape the way we manage city waste and increase our resource recovery. We want all our activities, including purchasing goods and services, to focus on waste-reduction.

Ka aha mātou? What will we do?

Promote waste reduction

What will this mean?

People have easy access to clear information about how to reduce waste and the impact of change.

Specific actions

- Provide information and education about waste minimisation and recycling
- Enforce litter and illegal dumping regulations

Provide support for-purpose organisations and local communities to recover, reuse, repurpose or regenerate products

Specific actions

- Provide funding for-purpose groups to undertake innovative recycling and reuse programmes through:
 - Resource Recovery Fund
- Provide informal support for community initiatives (e.g. Repair Café and community clean-up events)

What will this mean?

Community groups have access to funding to develop and implement initiatives that divert waste from landfill.

New or one-off actions

- Provide funding to for-purpose organisations, local communities, and communities of interest through:
 - Strategic Priority Grants

Divert waste from landfill

What will this mean?

Council has high-quality information about waste. Council implements the most effective waste diversion initiatives.

Specific actions

- Investigate opportunities for services for "hard-to-recycle" materials

New or one-off actions

- Identify areas for targeted waste reduction or new collection services (year 1)
- License Waste Collectors (year 3)
- Develop and implement a construction site waste management plan (year 2)
- Develop and implement an event waste management plan (year 2)
- Develop a city-wide kerbside food scraps collection service and investigate the inclusion of a kerbside green waste collection service (year 1 and 2)
- Investigate the need for a new site for a green waste and recycling drop-off facility to support city growth (year 1)

Provide recycling collection services, including kerbside recycling, drop-off centres and public space recycling bins

What will this mean?

There is a weekly kerbside recycling collection service for all households in the urban area, alternating between general recycling (wheelie bins) and glass (crates). There are public space recycling bins throughout the city and recycling drop-off centres in Ashhurst, Awapuni, and Terrace End.

Specific actions

- Provide residential kerbside recycling collection
- Provide non-residential kerbside recycling collection
- Provide public space recycling bins
- Provide a biennial "hazardous materials" collection weekend
- Provide Recycling drop-off points and the Awapuni Resource Recovery Park

New or one-off actions

- Replace the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) (year 2)

Monitor and manage the closed landfills

What will this mean?

The closed landfills are compliant with regulatory requirements. The adverse environmental effects of the two closed landfills are well-understood and effectively managed.

Specific actions

- Monitor and manage the two closed landfills in accordance with relevant regulations and consents

Provide waste collection services, including kerbside collection, the Ashhurst transfer station, and public space rubbish bins

What will this mean?

There is a weekly kerbside waste collection service for all households in the urban area. There are public space rubbish bins throughout the city.

Specific actions

- Provide residential kerbside rubbish collection
- Provide public space rubbish bins
- Operate the Ashhurst Transfer Station

New or one-off actions

- Investigate models for kerbside waste collection service delivery (year 1)

