

We're introducing new rubbish and recycling services in the Rotorua district

Paper rubbish bags will be replaced with wheelie bins and kerbside recycling. New bins and crates will be delivered to properties from 13 September 2016.

You'll get 2 bins and a crate

One bin (red lid) will be for rubbish, the other (yellow lid) for recycling and the crate is for glass.

You may not get both bins at once. If you don't have both by the time the new collections start, from 31 October, let Rotorua Lakes Council know.

Keep using your paper rubbish bags until your new bin collections start.

An information booklet will be delivered with your bins and will tell you all about it, including what day your collections will be and what should go in which bin.

You can also still take recycling to the city's recycling centre.

Changes at the recycling centre are needed so the new rubbish, recycling and litter contractor, Smart Environmental, can operate efficiently.

Charges for E-waste such as televisions and computer equipment go to a non-profit organisation which dismantles them, selling the recyclable parts. The fees are similar to what other councils charge for E-waste disposal and reflect the cost of transporting and dismantling these items.

Management of the landfill has been contracted to Waste Management. During the next 12 months the tip face will be gradually sealed off while the landfill's long-term future is considered. However, people will still go there to drop off rubbish and it will be taken to a private landfill.

What about lakes and rural areas?

Services in these communities will vary with a combination of plastic bags and bins. There have been changes to when and how transfer stations located in some of these areas operate.

Rural areas which currently have no services will be consulted about the possible introduction of services.

These will be established if the communities want them.



Why do things need to change?

The changes are part of Council's new waste strategy which followed a review of existing waste management services. The cost of waste services had been increasing as landfill revenue reduced and services were under-funded.

The new services will:

- > Reduce health and safety risks
- > Reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill
- > Improve kerbside collection services
- > Increase recycling by making it easier for people to separate their rubbish.
- > Reduce costs

Council's rubbish truck fleet needs replacing so it was timely to consider introducing new, modern services at this time.

The district's landfill, meanwhile, is almost full and was no longer financially viable so it was time to consider future options.

Less rubbish to landfill and more recycling will be better for the environment.

Cost benefits of the new services

- > The new landfill operator will carry all operational and capital costs for the facility and will pay council royalties per tonnage of waste received, in addition to giving council a discount for its own landfill waste.
- > The contract for new kerbside rubbish and recycling collection and litter services will save council about \$500,000 per year and user pays fees for E-waste will save approximately \$140,000 per year.



- Go to rotorualakescouncil.nz/rubbish to find out more.
- If you have further questions email info@rotorualc.nz or call (07) 348 4199



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