



POLICY MANUAL

Policy title:	WASTE POLICY
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Objective:	To sustainably manage the solid waste stream
Link to community vision/service:	Waste
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This policy applies to all sections within Council having an impact on the production, and management of solid waste. The policy has been developed to closely reflect Council's 20 year waste strategy and contains 4 objectives. These are:

1. To maximise the recovery of under-utilised resources

Recovering resources through re-use, reprocessing and recycling is a major component of managing waste and minimising disposal to landfill.

Strategies for implementation;

- a) Maintain and enhance the collection area of commercial organics collection
- b) Maximise recyclables collection and processing
- c) Increase recovery of salvageable items from the waste stream

2. To manage residual waste effectively

Residual waste is that waste which cannot be diverted from the waste stream through, for example, re-use and recycling, and must be taken to landfill. Northern Rivers Waste aims to minimise the total amount of residual waste, but also ensure that any residual waste delivered to landfill is managed effectively and in accordance with Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) licence conditions.

Strategies for implementation;

- a) Ensure an environmentally and financially viable landfill
- b) Review alternative disposal methods for residual waste
- c) Continually develop partnerships with commercial and industrial sectors to manage commercial and industrial waste

3. To provide efficient and effective collection services

Ensuring adequate services for the collection of rubbish from households, industry and commercial premises is a core responsibility of local government.

Strategies for implementation;

- a) Regularly review collection service requirements
- b) Investigate and where financially viable develop new business opportunities.

4. To provide leadership on managing the waste cycle

Waste management and recycling services are important community and environmental issues within the LGA. There is community concern about waste generation rates and society consumption patterns generally.

Strategies

- a) Develop partnerships with commercial and industrial sectors to manage commercial and industrial waste
 - b) Maintain an education focus and capability
 - c) Engage with the community to encourage waste avoidance, increase recycling rates and reduce contamination in recycling and organics streams.
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