



Waste Management and Disposal Policy

GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL POLICY

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To manage waste collected from households and waste disposed of at Council's Waste Management Centres.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014

Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The intent of the rural waste card is to provide rural residents with an opportunity to dispose of household waste that is equivalent to the type and number of services applied to each Domestic premises.
2. Non-residents(e.g. Big Hill and residents closest to Goulburn) with authorised Goulburn Mulwaree Council Rural Waste Cards issued through Upper Lachlan Shire Council have access to dispose of domestic waste, in accordance with the usage terms and conditions of the rural waste card, at any of Council's Waste Management Centres.
3. Waste generated in regulated (levy paying) areas of NSW is not accepted at Council's Waste Management Centres. This includes waste from Wingecarribee Local Government Area and Greater Sydney. Council may accept waste from a regulated area in an emergency with approval from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).
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5. Except as noted in 3 above, all waste from outside the area will only be accepted at Goulburn Waste Management Centre, upon payment of a tipping fee as described in the Fees and Charges for non-residents contained in Council's annual Fees and Charges. Council may refuse to accept waste from outside Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area for any reason.
6. Council has the right to refuse to collect or accept waste for any reason. Council may require waste to be tested and/or classified to ensure EPA licence and legislative requirements are met.
7. All domestic waste bins must be placed in a safe location for collection on the road verge/nature strip free of obstacles such as parked cars and trees, and one metre apart to enable collection. Bins may not be collected if they continue to be placed near obstructions after a minimum of one notification is provided to the relevant property. All bins must be stored within the property boundary other than on the evening prior to collection. Bins stored in a public area may be removed by Council.
8. Council will undertake a risk-based assessment of streets prior to establishing a kerbside collection to locations that present unsafe access for council's current waste collection vehicles. Alternate safe collection locations may be offered to residents until such times as council or a contractor have measures in place to manage councils' legal liability risk and Work Health and Safety obligations, this particularly applies to streets without an adequate truck turning point or cul-de-sac.
9. Requests to service group title unit developments via private property will require council waste collection staff to undertake a risk-based assessment for determination, prior to commencement of any such service council will need to be indemnified for any damage caused by service vehicles to the carriage way.
10. Council may issue 1100L or 240L communal bins at its discretion in lieu of 140L red bins for multi-unit developments or properties with multiple dwellings. The waste disposal allocation will be the equivalent of 140L landfill waste per domestic waste charge.
11. Domestic and commercial waste bins must be clearly marked by the resident/customer with the property address to which they are associated and must be placed in a location where there is no risk of the bin causing injury or damage to people or property. If Council issued bins are destroyed through criminal activity (e.g. fire) or stolen, Council may consider replacement of the bin free of charge to the resident upon receipt and review of a NSW Statutory Declaration signed and submitted by the property owner/s. Domestic waste bins are leased from Council and allocated to each property where they must remain and

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not be relocated to an alternative property.

12. Council's Rural Waste Card system is an opt in/out service. If a request to cancel a Rural Waste Card is received by 31 August and the card has not been used in that financial year, it may be cancelled from that financial year. Any cancellations after 31 August will commence from 1 July of the subsequent financial year.
13. Council will follow a minimum three step process before removing green and yellow lid bins from properties due to contamination: or removing red bins due to unsafe items.

This will include:

- Education through placing a sticker or tag on the bin and asking the resident to remove the contamination or unsafe item prior to collection the following week or fortnight dependent on the normal collection cycle.
- Education combined with enforcement where Council will write to the resident and landlord where applicable about the issue and encourage them to contact Council so they can be further educated on what can and cannot be put in each bin. The letter will also advise residents that if, for example, the contamination continues, the bin may be removed. The resident will be required to remove contamination and/or unsafe items prior to Council emptying the bin the following week or fortnight dependent on the normal collection cycle.
- If contamination or unsafe waste disposal continues, a second letter will be issued to the tenant and/or owner, and the relevant bin will be removed from the property or not collected if inaccessible.

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