

25.12 Solid Waste

25.12.1 Purpose

- a. Solid waste includes domestic and commercial rubbish and more broadly means any materials left over from an activity or process that are no longer viable. Council manages many aspects of solid waste through the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (prepared by Council to give effect to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and the Litter Act 1979) and through a bylaw prepared under the Local Government Act.
- b. Under the Act and Waste Minimisation Act, waste is a resource to be sustainably managed, and the effects of the creation, collection, recycling, recovery, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste may be controlled by District Plans. This District Plan policy clearly signals that sustainable solid waste principles should apply to waste disposal.
- c. This District Plan requires the provision of service areas in developments to encourage appropriate solid waste disposal, and facilities that encourage the management of waste in accordance with the solid waste hierarchy, i.e. recycling before disposal.

25.12.2 Objectives and Policies: Solid Waste

Objective	Policies
<p>25.12.2.1 Reduce the amount of solid waste generated and ultimately entering landfills.</p>	<p>25.12.2.1a Promote the reduction of solid waste volumes based on the following waste hierarchy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction • Reuse • Recycle • Recovery • Treatment • Disposal
	<p>25.12.2.1b Promote practices that reduce the volume of solid waste generated and disposed of.</p>
	<p>25.12.2.1c <u>Ensure a convenient outdoor pathway is available for residents to take their rubbish, recycling, and food scrap bins from their residential unit's service area to the collection point.</u></p>
	<p>25.12.2.1d <u>Ensure sufficient berm space for the collection of rubbish, recycling, and food scrap containers.</u></p>
<p>Explanation</p>	

Solid waste can be significantly reduced, reused or recycled, so that it need not take up space in landfills. As well as being an under-used resource, waste also has adverse economic and environmental effects, in terms of costs of collection services, land for disposal, and adverse effects on the receiving environment.

Hamilton’s Solid Waste Bylaw requires the licensing of persons who collect and transport waste. The granting of licenses and associated conditions include consideration of how Council’s Waste Minimisation and Management Plan and waste reduction initiatives are promoted, and require information about the quantity, source, destination and types of waste involved.

Objective	Policies
<p>25.12.2.2 Solid waste activities and facilities are managed in a way that addresses adverse effects from the storage and disposal of solid waste.</p>	<p>25.12.2.2a Solid waste collection, recycling, recovery, storage, treatment and disposal activities shall be sited, designed and managed to reduce solid waste entering landfills, and minimise adverse effects on the environment.</p>
	<p>25.12.2.2b Ensure pleasant and functional service areas are provided in new developments for waste and recycling storage.</p>

Explanation

Within Hamilton City there are existing services for the collection, processing, marketing and beneficial reuse of solid waste and diverted material. As a new landfill is unlikely to be established in Hamilton, more facilities such as waste transfer, reuse and recycling facilities established by Council and the private sector are anticipated and encouraged. Any waste going to a landfill should go to a landfill that is specifically designed and managed to avoid adverse effects on the environment.

Solid waste collection, recycling, recovery, storage, treatment and disposal activities can have adverse effects on the environment – including litter, smell, leachate, vermin, traffic (including heavy vehicles) and noise. The choice of location for these facilities is important, as well as management to mitigate or remedy potential adverse effects.

Activities require appropriate and functional internal and external storage space for waste and recyclables pending collection, that are easy to access by residents, businesses and waste collection agencies. The policies aim to ensure that suitable storage space is provided in these developments in a manner that recognises the amenity values of the surrounding area.

25.12.3 Rules – General Standards

25.12.3.1 Solid Waste Storage Areas

- a. All activities shall provide appropriate, on-site storage areas for recycling and litter bins that are accessible for waste collection services.

25.12.4 Other Resource Consent Information

Refer to Chapter 1: Plan Overview for guidance on the following.

- How to Use this District Plan
- Explanation of Activity Status
- Activity Status Defaults
- Notification / Non-notification Rules
- Rules Having Early or Delayed Effect

Refer to Volume 2, Appendix 1: District Plan Administration for the following.

- Definitions and Terms Used in the District Plan
- Information Requirements
- Controlled Activities – Matters of Control
- Restricted Discretionary, Discretionary and Non-Complying Activities Assessment Criteria
- Design Guides
- Other Methods of Implementation