

POLICY NAME: Kerbside Waste Bin Entitlement  
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### OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the policy is to clarify when Council will provide residents with mixed waste and recycle bins free of charge to ensure a consistent approach to the delivery of this service.

### BACKGROUND

In 2011 Council endorsed the issue of free kerbside waste and recycling bins to residential and commercial properties that were being charged for this service by Council under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993.

The domestic kerbside collection of mixed waste and recycling is conducted by Council on a fortnightly alternate schedule.

Council has an external contract in place for the weekly kerbside collection of food and organic waste.

This policy is relevant only to the services that Council directly provides, which is currently the mixed waste and recycling service.

### DEFINITIONS

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| Eligible Property           | A property that is levied charges under the Local Government Act 1993  |
| Eligible Period             | Eligible period is the period 24 months after the date of issue or replacement.  |
| Operational Damage          | Damage which has occurred during servicing of the bin either by the plant or due to exposure to the elements   |
| Disaster Damage             | Damage that has occurred due to weather or natural disaster event that has been declared by Government   |
| Warranty                    | Bins damaged under manufacture warranty  |
| Other Special Circumstances | The General Manager or nominated delegate is authorised to issue bins free of charge where the circumstances of the particular case make it appropriate. |

### SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to

- Council employees
- Residents
- Consultants/Contractors

### RELATED DOCUMENTATION

Related documents, policies and legislation:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Australian Standard 4123.7-2006 Mobile Waste Containers

### POLICY

1. Properties that have been levied a annual Domestic Waste Management charge or Waste Management charge (non domestic) are entitled to one recycling, one mixed waste bin and one organics bin free of charge on the commencement of service, where the service is being provided.
2. Additional bins do not have to be purchased from the Council but if obtained from an alternative source, they must meet the Council's specification otherwise the bin will not be emptied. (Australian Standards)
3. Commercial properties are allocated bins per commercially rated property, not per business occupant. Additional bins must be purchased and comply with the relevant code of practice.
4. Replacement of bins due to operational, disaster or warranty damage is free of charge.
5. Council policy for the re-issue of the bins is to limit free replacement to one of each bin, within a 24 month period, to avoid excessive wastage of bins.
6. Council's waste management section will maintain a bin issue data sheet which will record every bin replacement and / or maintenance detailing the reason, date and outcome.
7. Each bin should be provided with a unique code which is recorded against the property to assist in the identification of the property address with recovered bins.
8. Replacement of a bin due to wilful damage or neglect may incur Council charges against the property unless there are special circumstances that justify not charging. In some cases the applicant will be required to submit appropriate documentation stating the special circumstances.
9. Council will promote the use of 360 litre recycling bins where possible to encourage recycling and reduce waste to the landfill.
10. If the bin has been stolen the applicant will need to complete a Statutory Declaration and return it to Council prior to the reissue of a bin. Repeated stolen bin issues are to be investigated to ensure the property owner is returning the bin to within the property boundaries after service. Failure to return bin to the property after service may negate eligibility of a free bin issue.

### REVIEW

The Bin Entitlement Policy is to be reviewed every four years.