

 City of Mount Gambier	<b>W125 WASTE MANAGEMENT - REFUSE COLLECTION</b>	Version No:	4
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## 1. HOUSEHOLD/PUTRESCIBLE WASTE AND RECYCLABLES INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the policy of the City of Mount Gambier (“Council”) for the collection of refuse within the Council area.

## 2. (EXCLUDING ORGANIC-WASTE AND E-WASTE)

- (a) Council will provide a weekly putrescibles waste collection (excluding organic-waste) to all rateable premises within the Council area and on which an occupied building is erected. A fortnightly recyclable collection service will be provided to the same properties. The collection day for each premises shall be determined by the General Manager City Infrastructure and/or the Works Manager – Waste, Depot, Building Maintenance, Parks and Gardens.
- (b) Each rateable premises (on which an occupied building is erected) will be entitled to place out for collection, on the nominated day, one 140 litre mobile garbage bin (MGB) (green body – red lid), for household and putrescibles waste; and on the nominated collection day, one 240 litre MGB for recyclables (blue body – yellow lid).
- (c) The MGB’s will be supplied by Council and will be collected by Council at no charge. Only bins supplied by Council will be collected.
- (d) Any MGB that is lost, stolen, damaged or otherwise deemed non-useable (fair wear and tear excepted) is to be replaced by the landowner at the landowner's expense.
- (e) Under no circumstances is greenwaste to be deposited in the red lid MGB placed out for weekly collection. Council reserves the right not to collect a MGB with greenwaste (or prescribed waste as defined later). Warnings may be issued to owner/occupiers found to be not complying with this requirement. Continued breaches of this requirement may result in a suspension to the collection service for two weeks.
- (f) Under no circumstances are non-recyclable materials to be deposited in the yellow lid recycling MGB placed out for fortnightly collection. Council reserves the right not to collect a recycling MGB which contains non-recyclable waste. Warnings may be issued to owner/occupiers found to be not complying with this requirement. Continued breaches of this requirement may result in a suspension to the collection service for two weeks. Acceptable recyclable materials include:
  - Paper and cardboard.
  - Cartons.
  - Plastics 1-5 (not 6 & 7).
  - Glass bottles and jars (not broken).
  - Tins and cans.
- (g) Occupiers of flats and/or home units may share a MGB if they desire.
- (h) Non-rateable premises requiring a weekly collection of putrescibles waste, will receive such service on the payment of a fee (refer Fees and Charges Schedule, plus GST if applicable) per annum, which includes the supply and emptying of the bin on a weekly basis.

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- (i) Council agrees to supply and collect, at no additional cost, a second MGB (to maximum size 140 litre) for residents who require dialysis treatment. This collection will only be available whilst the dialysis treatment is necessary.

### 3. ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

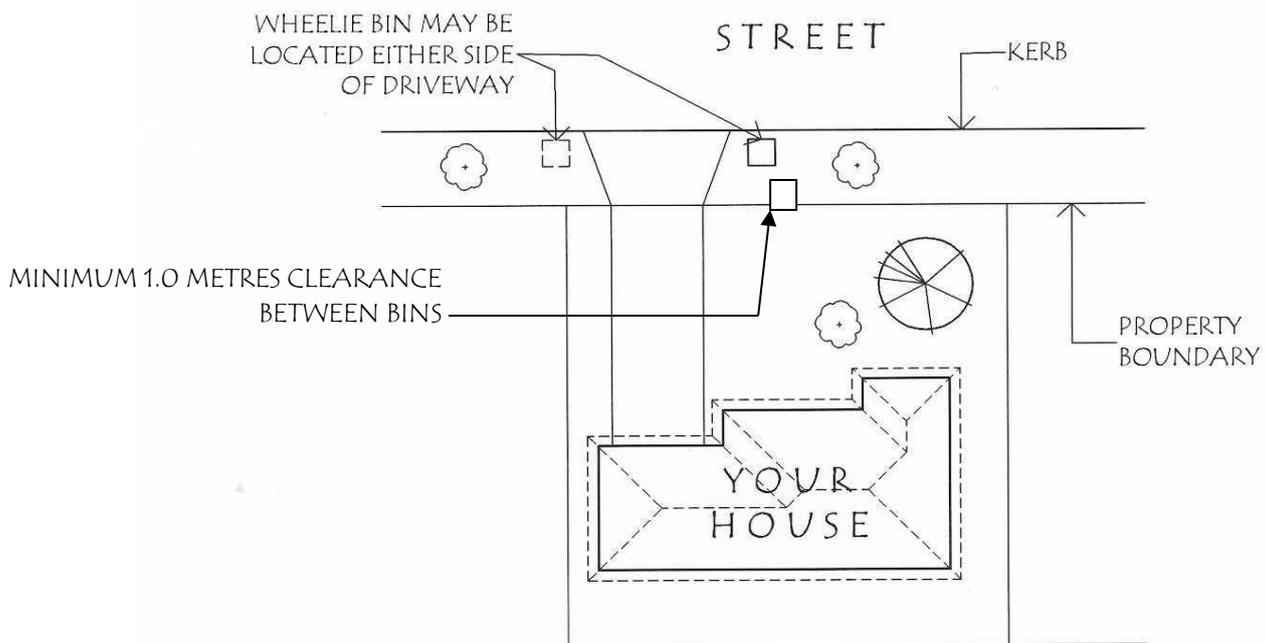
- (a) Council will provide, on a fee for service basis, a fortnightly organic waste collection service to premises within the Council area and on which there is erected an occupied building. The collection day for each premise shall be determined by the General Manager City Infrastructure and/or the Works Manager – Waste, Depot, Building Maintenance, Parks and Gardens.
- (b) Council will collect one 240 litre mobile garbage bin (MGB) (green body - green lid) of organic waste per fortnight from premises that have paid the appropriate fee and whose bin displays the appropriate tag placed on the handle of the MGB.
- (c) Only organic material is to be placed in the 240 Litre MGB. Organic waste includes all types of organic garden waste, lawn clippings, food scraps (can be wrapped in newspaper), meat, bones, etc. Clean and uncontaminated organic waste is of paramount importance to the long term viability of the organic waste collection and disposal service.
- (d) MGB's detected to be containing anything other than approved organic waste will not be collected and a formal warning given to the owner/occupier. Repeat breaches may result in a suspension of the service (without any refund of monies) for two collection periods (i.e. 4 weeks).
- (e) Non-rateable premises are able to utilise this service under the same terms and conditions as rateable premises.
- (f) Council will allow a premises to have in excess of one 240 litre MGB for the organic waste collection service and will collect each bin as a separate service, attracting an equivalent fee as the first service.
- (g) The annual cost of the organic waste collection service will be reviewed annually by Council (refer to the Fees and Charges Schedule).
- (h) On payment of the prescribed fee, occupiers will be issued with a coloured tag to be placed on the handle of the organic waste bin. Only bins displaying the tag appropriate to the current year will be collected.
- (i) MGB's are not to be overfilled so that refuse collectors cannot see the tag - in these instances the refuse collectors are entitled to leave the bin unemptied.
- (j) Users of the system are to ensure that the total weight of the MGB does not exceed 75kg (wet grass clippings can be extremely heavy), or the volume does not exceed 240 litres.

### 4. GENERAL

- (a) All MGB's placed out for collection must be positioned in accordance with the attached plan, and must be at least 1m apart.

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- (b) MGB's for collection shall be placed in the appointed place for collection by 6.00 a.m. on the nominated collection day for that premises (including Public Holidays).
- (c) The following materials are prohibited from being placed out for collection:
- (i) Prescribed wastes as listed in Schedule 1, Part B, of the *Environment Protection Act*. This does not apply to empty contaminated herbicide, fungicide and pesticide containers, that are less than four (4) litres capacity; and the contents of which have been used for domestic purposes.
  - (ii) Potentially explosive material.
  - (iii) Liquid wastes.
  - (iv) Hot ashes.
  - (v) Commercial and industrial wastes.
  - (vi) E-waste and fluorescent lighting.
- (d) Hard materials such as metals, stone, paper etc are not to be deposited in the organic waste MGB.
- (e) The following constitutes grounds for refusal to make collection of refuse placed out for collection:
- (i) The MGB contains matter prohibited by this policy.
  - (ii) The contents of the MGB are flyblown.
  - (iii) The MGB was late being placed out for collection, or was not positioned in accordance with this policy.
  - (iv) The MGB was placed out for collection in front of a premises which did not have an occupied building on it.
  - (v) Rubbish was jammed or stuck in the MGB.
  - (vi) The MGB was over filled or plastic liners were not enclosed inside the MGB.
  - (vii) The MGB was too heavy.
  - (viii) For organic waste disposal - the MGB did not display the correct colour coded tag on the lid, or the tag was not visible at the time of collection.
- (f) Where rubbish has not been collected in accordance with this policy, notice shall be left at the premises giving the reason the collection was not made.
- (g) At the refuse collector's discretion a collection may be made which could have been refused pursuant to this policy. In such cases, a notice shall be left at the premises advising that future collections will not be made unless specified remedial action is taken by the owner/occupier.



## 7. REVIEW & EVALUATION

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in July 2020, however, will be reviewed as required by any legislative changes which may occur.

## 8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council's website [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au). Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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Related Procedures:	Relevant SOP's
Related Documents:	Schedule of Fees and Charges

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