

2017/2018 | Annual Plan

Proposed changes to waste services

During the past year Council has introduced new waste management services including kerbside recycling, replacing rubbish bags with wheelie bins and contracting out kerbside collections and management of the landfill.

Additional services and how waste management is funded are proposed for the 2017/18 Annual Plan. Council wants to extend services to currently unserved areas and will consult with these communities to find out what services they want, Council's Director for Transport and Waste Stavros Michael says.

The aim is to give every property in the district access to an appropriate level of rubbish and recycling service, he says.

"With this proposal we want to be able to reduce the amount of waste being buried or burned and increase the amount of recycling being recovered so there is also an environmental benefit.

Changes already made and those proposed now align with the district waste strategy adopted by Council in December 2016 which, ultimately, aims to reduce the amount of waste being produced and going to landfill and increase the amount the district recycles.

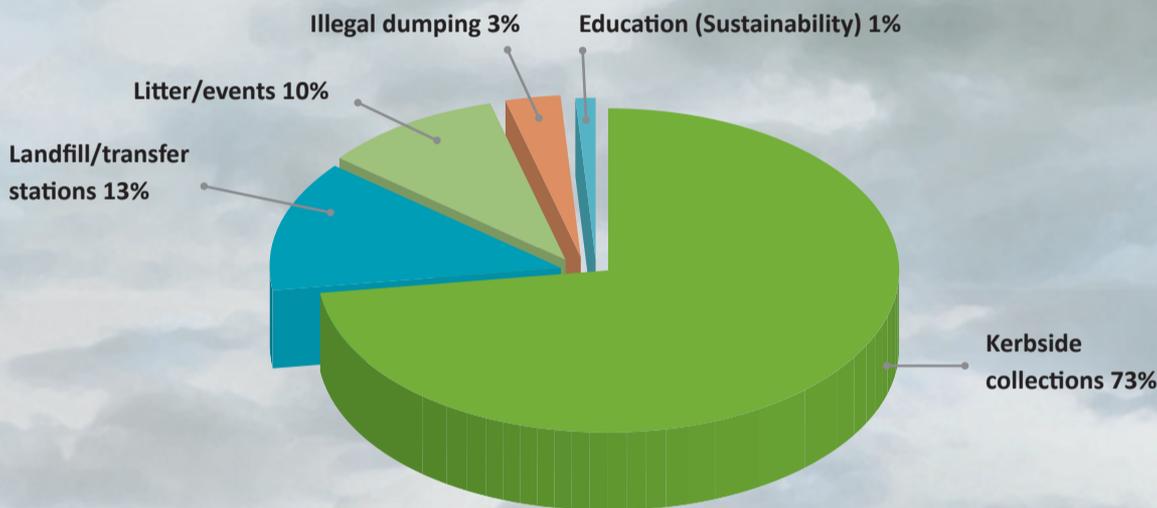
Council and Rotorua's rural and lakes community boards want feedback on what is proposed.

Where we came from

- > 8400 tonnes of rubbish per year from kerbside rubbish bags filled with:
 - 40% food waste
 - 39% recyclables
 - 10% glass
 - 11% other rubbish
- > 10% of Rotorua properties without access to a waste management system
- > Declining income from Rotorua landfill



What do rubbish and recycling rates pay for? \$6.5 million for 2017/2018



What we have achieved

- > 28,000+ sets of wheelie bins delivered to Rotorua properties
- > Upgraded transfer stations at Tarawera and Okere
- > Forecasted 50% increase in recycling per annum
- > Recycling bins installed at major lakeside and urban parks and reserves
- > Recycling facilities at local markets



What we have now	What's proposed	Reason/Benefit
Option available to 'opt-out' of waste services and pay half rates charge.	Removal of option to 'opt-out.' Everyone to pay full rate.	Ensures all properties contribute the same to cover services that benefit everyone, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > education programmes; > public litter bins and litter services; > recycling centre and transfer stations; > monitoring and clean-up of illegal dumping
Rates charges are different depending on where you live or how you use your land.	Increase the current refuse rate and apply same targeted rate to all properties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Urban, rural and suburban businesses charged the same targeted rate > Businesses in CBD charged a double rate for larger capacity bins > Vacant land charged a partial amount 	The increase in rate will mean council can reduce or stop using extra funds from the general rate to pay for Rotorua's waste management services. Charging properties the same rate makes it a simple and transparent service.
Rates are partially funded through targeted rates (80%) and the general rate (20%). The 20% general rate currently covers education programmes, public litter services and dealing with illegal dumping.	1. Waste services funded through 100% targeted rate (preferred option) or 2. Waste services funded 90% through targeted rate and 10% general rate	Moving the service to a 100% targeted rate means it will be more transparent and enable a better way of future cost planning when adding or changing services.
1400 properties (mostly rural) do not currently receive a waste service and do not pay a targeted rate for waste.	Where possible extend kerbside services, establish collection points locations and/or upgrade existing facilities. Introduce targeted rates to the 1400 properties to receive this extended service	Extending services will reduce waste being disposed of in alternative ways like burning or burying.