

# Waste Management Pricing Policy

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## 1. TITLE

Waste Management Pricing Policy

## 2. PURPOSE

- 2.1 To encourage behaviour that minimises waste and supports recycling with financial incentives.
- 2.2 To raise revenue to fund Council's waste and recycling services.

## 3. POLICY

- 3.1 That Council maintain a differential pricing structure to encourage waste minimisation and recycling
- 3.2 That the pricing structure at least recovers the cost of all direct and indirect costs associated with waste and recycling services.
- 3.3 That the waste charges include the following categories:
  - 3.3.1 General Waste Charges (available to residential or non-residential tenements)
    - (a) Large 240L Waste Charge
    - (b) Small 120L Waste Charge
  - 3.3.2 Residential Only Waste Charges
    - (a) Litter Management Charge
    - (b) Res Flat Shared Bins Waste Charge
  - 3.3.3 Special Waste Charges
    - (a) Family 240L Waste Charge
    - (b) Medical 240L Waste Charge
  - 3.3.4 Extra Service Charges
    - (a) Extra Recycling Bin Charge
    - (b) Extra Green Waste Bin Charge
- 3.4 Except for the *Litter Management Charge* any residential, general or special *Waste Charge* entitles the tenement to:
  - 3.4.1 one garbage service (of the size specified in the charge), one recycling service, one green waste recycling service), and
  - 3.4.2 three hard rubbish collections per financial year, three bundled branch collections and three bulk cardboard collections per financial year.
  - 3.4.3 where the tenements have the *Res Flat Shared Bins Waste Charge* applied, garbage and recycling services will be provided using large bins shared between flats.

- 3.5 The *Litter Management Charge* entitles the tenement to up to three hard rubbish collections per financial year, three bundled branch collections per financial year and three bulk cardboard collections per financial year.
- 3.6 That, except if vacant land, all rateable residential tenements be levied the applicable *General or Residential Waste Charge (clause 2.3.1)* based on the property type and the type of service they have. The *Litter Management Charge* is only available to properties where:
- 3.6.1 the Waste Management Plan submitted under the planning permit for the property specified a private collection, **or**
- 3.6.2 Council's Waste Manager is satisfied that a private collection for both garbage and recycling is being undertaken at the property.
- 3.7 The *Litter Management Charge* will be applied to all residential tenements that are not vacant land and don't have another type of waste charge at 1 July 2013.
- 3.8 The standard *Waste Charge* for rateable residential tenements is the Small 120 litre service charge.
- 3.9 That all non-residential tenements receiving a garbage service be levied a *General Waste Charge* for each garbage bin issued to that tenement based on the size of bin provided.
- 3.10 That all tenements issued with additional recycling bins and/or additional green waste bins be levied an *Extra Recycling Service Charge* or *Extra Green Waste Service Charge* as the case may be, for each extra bin issued to the tenement.
- 3.11 The standard size for a recycling bin or green waste bin is 240L but 120L can be provided if preferred. That where the land use for a tenement is both residential and non-residential the tenement is treated as non-residential for the purposes of determining the applicable waste charges and services.
- 3.12 That where education facilities are participating in the "ResourceSmart Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative Victoria" program or similar they be provided with up to four 240 litre recycling services free of charge.
- 3.13 That where an Extra Recycling Bin or Extra Green Waste Bin is requested (these are optional services), they will be charged on a pro-rata basis for the first year the service is provided to a tenement, and thereafter are annual charges. All charges are non-refundable should the service be cancelled.
- 3.14 Any request that has the effect of increasing any waste charges on a tenement must have approval of the ratepayer, the owner or an agent of the owner for that tenement. Other requests will also be accepted from a tenant or an agent of a tenant.
- 3.15 Council may, at the Waste Manager's discretion, offer the property the option of swapping to fewer very large (360L) bins or more smaller bins equal to the same total capacity.
- 3.16 A Special Charge is for larger families and residents that have additional needs for extra capacity in their waste collection service including due to a disability and/or medical treatment. A Special Charge provides the extra capacity at a lower than standard rate.

- 3.17 For a resident to be eligible for a Special Charge service they must meet the criteria below for Family and/or Medical Charges and:
- 3.17.1 apply in writing to Council who will assess their application against this Policy.
  - 3.17.2 when Council requests, re-apply to demonstrate they are still eligible (Council will require this no more than annually)
  - 3.17.3 where the resident(s) are not the ratepayer and the service they apply for results in a lower charge, they need to demonstrate the landlord has passed on the saving to the resident(s).
- 3.18 Family 240L Waste Charge
- 3.18.1 A family is eligible for a Family 240L Waste charge if the household is:
    - (a) a family of four or more where at least one resident is in receipt of a State Government concession card including health care card; and the family is in receipt of a current Medicare Card (or alternative evidence to the satisfaction of Council) listing four or more members; or
    - (b) a family of six or more members, as evidenced by a current Medicare Card.
  - 3.18.2 A *Family 240L Waste Charge* entitles a tenement to all the benefits of a *Large 240L Waste Charge* plus one additional recycling service, if requested.
  - 3.18.3 The *Family 240L Waste Charge* will be set at 70% of the *Res Large 240L Waste Charge*.
- 3.19 Medical 240L Waste Charge
- 3.19.1 This service is for those residents who have additional needs for extra bin capacity due to a disability and/or undergoing medical treatment (eg for disposal of adult nappies).
  - 3.19.2 To be eligible the resident must provide a letter from their medical practitioner stating the residents needs the extra capacity to dispose of additional waste associated with their disability or medical treatment.
  - 3.19.3 The *Medical 240L Waste Charge* will be set at the *Small 120L Waste Charge* rate.
- 3.20 The *Litter Management Charge* will be set to recover costs of litter management services.
- 3.21 The number of 120L charges issued to any tenement will be limited to one.

#### 4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Waste Management Strategy  
Metropolitan Waste Management Group  
Waste Management Plan  
Glen Eira Local Laws

**5. REFERENCES**

*Environment Protection Act 1970*  
*Local Government Act 1989.*