

Waste Strategic Management Plan (2025-2030)

What this plan is about

This plan shows how we will manage waste in our city from 2025 to 2030.

We want to:

- make less waste
- recycle more
- reuse things instead of throwing them away
- keep our city clean.

What council does now

Each year, we:

- look after more than 230,000 bins
- collect bins from nearly 90,000 homes
- collect over 6.8 million bins
- collect waste, recycling and food scraps
- run education sessions
- respond to customer requests
- clean up illegal dumping.

What the council provides for you

You get:

- kerbside bin collection
- two hard waste collections each year
- organics drop-off and mattress collection
- clean-up of illegal dumping.

We also:

- support better laws for waste and recycling
- teach people how to reduce waste
- give rebates
- manage waste at events.

What council wants to do

- stop waste going to landfill
- reuse and recycle more things
- reduce litter and illegal dumping
- support a circular economy (this means using things again and again).

How council will do it

1. Send less waste to landfill

We will:

- help people recycle more at home
- teach people about waste and recycling
- improve recycling in apartments and units
- find better ways to deal with tricky waste (like chemicals)
- support low-waste events
- improve bin services
- reduce waste in dog parks and public spaces
- reduce waste in council buildings

2. Keep Onkaparinga clean

We will:

- reduce litter
- stop illegal dumping
- improve public bin services
- teach people how to recycle and keep the city clean

3. Make our services better

We will:

- improve customer service
- make bin collection more efficient
- make bin services the same across the city
- improve hard waste collection
- improve recycling in apartments and units
- look after our waste equipment and assets

4. Use waste as a resource

We will:

- teach people how to recycle and reduce waste
- help people avoid food waste and recycle food scraps
- buy products that are better for the environment
- support programs that make companies responsible for their products
- improve how we collect and reuse hard waste
- use bins made from 100% recycled materials