

Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025–30 snapshot

Waste to circularity

The Waste Strategic Management Plan sets the strategic direction for the City of Onkaparinga’s waste management services over the next 5 years.

It sets strategic objectives and 25 focus areas to maximise resource recovery, deliver a cost-effective and efficient resource recovery and waste management service, and accelerate our transition to a circular economy.

It looks beyond our waste collection service offered to rateable properties, establishing an integrated resource recovery and waste management service that ensures the health of our community, our environment and our economy.

It aligns with legislation, state and national waste strategies, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Importantly, it aligns with our Community Vision 2034 and the high value our community puts on sustainability, reducing our impact on climate change, and creating a region that is good to live in, work in and visit.

Snapshot - where we were in 2024–25

- We maintained more than 230,000 bins, serviced 89,924 properties, and emptied more than 6.8 million bins.
- We collected 36,467 tonnes of waste for landfill, 23,839 tonnes of organics, and 13,039 tonnes of comingled recycling.
- We continued to have a high volume of unrecovered resources in the general waste stream.
 - Only 50 per cent of waste was diverted from landfill.
 - Only 2 per cent of food waste was diverted.
- We processed 5,445 requests to remove illegally dumped waste.
- We processed 71,000 customer requests.
- We ran 115 school and community engagements.

What the council delivers

It’s the council’s role to deliver safe, efficient and adaptive waste services across our council area.

This includes:

- kerbside collection
- 2 hard waste collections for residents each year
- fee-for-service organics drop-off and mattress collection
- illegally dumped waste removal.

We also:

- advocate for legislative change and mandatory product stewardship
- promote good waste and resource recovery practices in the community through education, information and rebates
- provide function, event and activation waste management.

Opportunities

The strategic plan identifies key opportunities for reducing waste going to landfill, increasing the recovery of resources and transitioning to building a circular economy.

- waste reduction
- food waste recovery
- optimised resource recovery
- recovery of unrecovered resources
- circular procurement.



The plan identifies 4 strategic objectives and 25 focus areas

1: Increase diversion from landfill

Kerbside diversion
Waste and recycling education
Diversion in medium and high-density living
Diversion of problematic and hazardous waste from landfill.
Low-waste compostable events
Sustainable Kerbside Service
Diversion in dog parks
Diversion in public spaces
Internal waste provisions

2: Amenity

Litter
Illegal dumping
Public bin service levels
Waste and recycling education

3: Optimise operations and customer experience

Customer service
Efficiency in kerbside operations
Standardisation of kerbside services
Hard waste collection efficiency
Diversion and disposal outcomes for medium and high-density living
Asset management

4: Maximise resource recovery and circular economy opportunities

Waste and recycling education
Food waste avoidance and recycling
Procurement
Product stewardship schemes
Hard waste collections
100% recycled content bins

