FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Draft Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025-30

How was the draft Strategy informed?

The draft plan was informed through:

- legislative requirements, federal and state targets and best practice
- environmental concerns
- progression and development in the waste industry, including the transition towards the circular economy
- community feedback through our Community Vision 2034 engagement
- community feedback through our annual community survey 2023
- continuous improvement in our resource recovery and waste management services since the previous strategy
- consideration of the Long-Term Financial Plan

What is the waste management hierarchy?

The waste management hierarchy is a framework that keeps materials in use for as long as possible. We can decrease the volume of waste that goes to landfill by adopting the framework. The best option is the hierarchy is the highest principle: avoid and reduce.

What is the circular economy?

A circular economy is a system where materials are used for as long as possible, by reusing, repairing and recycling products and materials. It also means buying products that are more durable, last for a longer time and can be taken apart to recycle.

What is a bin lift?

A 'bin lift' refers to the action of emptying a bin into the collection vehicle. Each bin that is emptied counts as one bin lift When will the signs be installed?

What is meant by 'amenity'?

Amenity is something that makes a place more pleasant and liveable. It also improves quality of life and increases sustainability.

What is a sustainable kerbside service?

A Sustainable Kerbside Service increases diversion and maximises resource recovery through a collection schedule that increases recycling of organics and recyclables. It also minimises waste going to landfill

Will my bins still get picked up?

Yes, bin collections will continue as usual.

Will this increase my rates?

All operational expenditure is considered as part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget process.

We will investigate funding opportunities where feasible.

What will change for me?

There will be increased diversion of waste from landfill and more circular economy opportunities.

Where can I dispose of waste that can't go to landfill or be picked up with hard waste, including chemical and hazardous waste, bulk cardboard, and e-waste?

Our A-Z Disposal Guide gives information on the disposal options, including local options.

We also host drop-off events through the year for textiles. Keep an eye out on Sustainable Onkaparinga for updates.

You can find all this information by going to www.onkaparingacity.com and typing 'waste' in the search bar.

What will happen to my feedback?

Your feedback will help inform the final Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025-30.

Need more information?

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