



District Council of Yorke Peninsula

— Countdown to introduction of new waste and recycling service

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YORKE PENINSULA is about to embark on a new era of waste management. It includes a new three-bin system for township areas and, for the first time, a collection service for rural properties — one that has been well received by the farming community. Recycling will also form a major part of council's collection of waste.

The implementation of the weekly waste collection service, fortnightly recycling collection for all residents, plus an additional monthly township residential kerbside garden organics collection service, will begin on October 13.

From the Mayor

"This council, along with many others, has extensively evaluated the impact of the changes across the region", District Council of Yorke Peninsula Mayor Ray Agnew says.



"The changes have not been an overnight decision, with members of our Waste Management Working Party and staff spending the last two years investigating options to reform current waste management practices to comply with guidelines developed by the EPA and Zero Waste SA.

"Council is committed to sustainable waste management now and in the future, and we need to all work collaboratively together to encourage householders to sort and separate their waste to incorporate a large degree of recycling, reduction of waste requiring disposal into landfill and the introduction of reuse practices.

"Waste reform is currently a major focus across regional South Australia and our council has decided to take a proactive approach in providing a new collection service which is environmentally sound and will reduce the amount of waste currently ending up in landfill", Mr Agnew said.

"We have now begun, with the assistance of KESAB, what will be a comprehensive community education process to ensure that everyone is fully aware of what is required of households when the new collection service begins on October 13.

"I encourage you to read, in particular, the guidelines that will be delivered with the new recycling and household bins next month, as we work together to help ensure a better outcome for future generations."

Mayor Ray Agnew, OAM
District Council of Yorke Peninsula

Contractor appointed

After extensive research and cost benefit analysis it was established the most cost effective method of achieving an efficient waste collection and disposal service was by contract. Tenders closed at the end of May with SITA Environmental Solutions awarded the contract.

SITA have extensive experience in the field of waste management and is considered a market leader in providing commercial industrial and municipal customers with a broad range of recycling and waste management services.

In South Australia SITA currently undertakes waste management services in the Adelaide metropolitan area, Mount Barker and the Barossa Valley.

To meet the demands of the Yorke Peninsula contract, the company has advertised extensively for staff both locally and in the metropolitan papers.

Waste, recycling and garden organics collection

An increased number of properties will have access to waste collection under the new system, with those in towns and coastal communities able to utilize the new three bin waste, recycling and garden organics collection service. Rural properties will receive a two bin, waste and recycling service.

Township properties



Council will provide those households with a new 140 litre waste bin that will replace their old waste bin. The new waste bin is smaller than the old bin as there won't be the need for extra space because only waste, not recyclables, will go in these bins, thereby reducing the impact on landfill. This putrescible waste will continue to be collected weekly.

As part of the new system, a new fortnightly recycling collection service will be implemented, residents receiving a new 240-litre bin for this purpose. Paper, card-

In June 2007, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) amended the Landfill Guidelines. This, coupled with the SA Government's Zero Waste Strategy to divert 75% of waste materials away from landfill by 2010, has meant local waste management had to be reformed.

No longer can council dig a hole and drop rubbish in it! It's all about reducing waste to landfill, and taking a more environmentally responsible path. The alternative would be to maintain current practices and face very hefty fines!

board, glass jars and bottles, all plastics that hold their shape, metal cans and tins go into the recycling bin.

However, council would encourage residents to continue to support local recycling efforts in those towns where local Progress Committees and Tidy Towns groups use money raised from these initiatives to improve facilities in their community.

A monthly garden organics waste collection will also be introduced, with lawn clippings and garden waste to go in the green bin currently being used by households.

Rural properties

Those in rural areas will receive one household and one recycling bin only, with the introduction of roadside collection or waypoints (strategically placed bin collection points throughout the district) for those not on the main collection route. This will be the first time the majority of rural properties will have access to this type of service.

In addition to the new bin system, council's three remaining operational landfill sites (Ramsay, Warooka, Arthurton), will be transformed into complying Waste Transfer Stations that will accept all materials previously taken to landfill. However, this material will now be transferred to appropriate sites and extensively recycled.

Which towns will receive the waste, recycling and garden organics service?

The new collection service will be easy, convenient and for many residents it will reduce the hassle of taking household waste to landfill.

Forty-two communities will have access to all three components of the service — waste, recycling and garden organics collection:

Ardrossan and Tiddy Widdy Beach, Arthurton, Balgowan, Black Point, Bluff Beach, Brentwood, Chinaman Wells, Coobowie, Corny Point, Curramulka, Edithburgh and Sultana Point, Foul Bay, Hardwicke Bay, James Well and Rogues Point, Maitland, Marion Bay, Minlaton, Oaklands, Parsons Beach, Pine Point, Point Pearce, Point Souttar, Point Turton, Port Clinton, Port Julia, Port Moorowie, Port Rickaby, Port Victoria, Port Vincent, Price, Sheoak Flat, South Kilkerran, Stansbury, The Pines and Couches Beach, Urania, Warooka, Wool Bay and Yorketown.

Frequently asked questions

When will I receive my new bins?

Contractor SITA Environmental Solutions will begin the bin roll out to households on September 1. Council will handle the distribution of bins to rural property owners, via appointment, from Council Works Depots at Warooka, Yorketown, Maitland and the SITA Depot at Minlaton.

Council's Engineering Services staff has forwarded letters to businesses, industrial and commercial premises, rural property owners, and non-rateable properties (schools, sporting and community organisations) etcetera to gather data on the number of bins and the level of service they require.

When do I start using my new bins?

The week commencing October 13. Please do not use new bins before this date. The current collection schedule will be changed, however households will receive a calendar with the new bins that will provide details on their collection days.

How do I get more information?

An information booklet will be provided with the new bins to guide you in the use of the new system and to explain what items go into each bin.

What other changes will take place?

The opening of three new Transfer Stations at CYP, Ramsay and Warooka is planned for October 2008. These will provide the same services as the former landfill sites. However, the material will be transferred to appropriate sites in Adelaide. The closure of all landfill sites will occur when the Transfer Stations open.

How does this affect my rates?

These changes do not come without a cost. To pay for the new service a separate service charge will be introduced by council.

In October, when the new system begins, those ratepayers who are provided with the new service will receive a Rates Notices that will include a Waste and Recycling service charge (this charge is not included in the Rates Notices received in August).

The three-bin service charge for the nine months of 2008/2009 will be approximately \$145, and \$130 for the two-bin service.

What if I don't want the service?

Council acknowledges that there are going to be some properties that will not utilise the new service as much as others, for example holiday properties. The utilisation of the service is entirely up to the property owner; however, the service charge will remain regardless of minimal or full use of the service. Across the board, council considers the service being introduced is the most efficient way to deal with the requirements of agency guidelines and SA Government strategies.

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