

Central Link

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Waste audit finds more than just rubbish

We've started conducting an audit of household general waste across properties that use the kerbside collection service.

This audit is called the SWAP Survey (Solid Waste Analysis Protocols). Our goal is to audit at least 273 general waste bins. To date we've done two surveys auditing a total of 33 bins and 297kgs of waste. We have 10 more surveys to do over the next few months.

The aim of this audit is to monitor how much general waste we're producing, and assess the types of waste that end up in landfill. The results are considered as part of our Waste Assessment and Waste Management and Minimisation Plan review. The next review is due in 2023. This happens every 6 years and identifies objectives and targets for waste management in our district and what funding is required to meet our objectives.

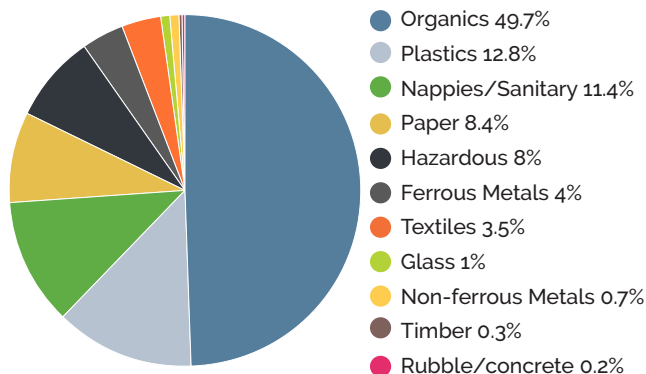
The categories of waste across the audit include: Paper, Organics, Glass, Nappies/Sanitary, Timber, Hazardous materials (batteries, paint, medical waste), Plastics, Metals, Textiles, Rubble/concrete and Rubber.

Of the 33 bins audited so far, we've found that the majority of waste is organic material (49.7%). So that's your food and garden waste mostly. The next highest is plastics (12.8%) and then nappies/sanitary products (11.4%), with paper not far behind (8%).

We're only at the beginning of this audit, but it's disappointing to see the majority of material going into our general waste bins could be easily diverted from landfill. Plastics (if they have a 1, 2 or 5 triangle) and paper should be going in your recycling bins and while we don't have a kerbside collection service for organic materials, there are alternatives to putting these items in the red lid bin. Home composting is one example.

We'll be providing more updates on this audit over the coming months, and encourage you to check out our website for information on waste minimisation tips for at home - stratford.govt.nz

Pie graph of audit findings as at 17/3/2022



Bird scaring at wastewater treatment plant underway



You might have recently heard loud gun shots coming from the south east area of Stratford.

These loud banging noises are part of a bird scaring operation at Stratford's wastewater treatment ponds on Victoria Road.

Council carries out bird scaring to control the bird population at the ponds by using a pyrotechnic gun. This gun fires harmless cartridges that make a loud bang to encourage birds not to return to the site. It's important to keep bird numbers at the ponds low to ensure we meet environmental standards and compliance.

The noise of the cartridges can be heard from a distance and it can be potentially disturbing for pets or livestock nearby. This activity will occur on a regular basis.

If you have any questions about this you can contact us on 06 765 6099 or email stratforddc@stratford.govt.nz

Did you know?

Everything in your recycling bin gets sorted by human hands!

Machines haven't taken over the world, just yet. People working at Taranaki's material recovery facility (based in New Plymouth) work hard to physically remove any items that shouldn't have ended up in your recycling bin.

This is why it's so important to limit the amount of contamination in our recycling. That means ensuring recyclable items are cleaned properly, lids are removed from containers and non-recyclable items get put in the red lid bin. Spare a thought for our awesome sorters and ensure you're putting the right stuff in your recycling bin.

You can see a full list of what can be recycled on our website under our recycling search - this is also available on our SDC Rubbish and Recycling app, available for free on Apple and Android smart phones.

Keep an eye out for more 'Did you know?' features in our Central Link and on our Facebook page.

Covid19 Update: Taranaki is in Red. Visit covid19.govt.nz for more information.

For details on testing and vaccination clinics in Taranaki visit tdhb.org.nz

Attention businesses!
Register with sosbusiness.nz today so shoppers can start paying it forward!



Public Notices

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Council has reviewed its Revenue and Financing Policy as part of the draft Annual Plan 2022/23 process and is seeking feedback on the amendments.

Key changes to the policy include:

- Allowance for rates smoothing to occur in years of high expected rates increases, by either using surpluses from previous years, or using targeted rates reserves.
- Ability for a targeted rate to be set differentially for specific categories of rateable land.

A copy of the draft policy can be viewed in person at the Library and Visitor Information Centre or Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street and online at stratford.govt.nz You can make a submission on this policy by emailing submissions@stratford.govt.nz Submissions close on Friday 22 April 2022.

T Radich
Director Corporate Services

Meeting Schedule - April 2022

Public Forum

Tuesday 12 April at 3.00pm
For those wishing to speak please submit an application form to the Chief Executive by 12 noon on Tuesday 5 April 2022.

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 12 April at 3.30pm

Policy & Services Committee

Tuesday 26 April at 3.00pm

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, Miranda Street, Stratford. Meetings will be held by audio visual link if required due to COVID-19 public health measures.

S Hanne
Chief Executive

Temporary Road Closure

Council has authorised the closure of the following road for the purpose of drainage works, from 28 March to 30 April 2022.

- Palmer Road

A detour will be in place for the duration of the closure. Resident access will be available at all times.

A letter drop will be carried out to affected properties prior to work beginning.

V Araba
Director Assets

Draft Annual Plan 2022/23

We need to know if you think the annual plan for the year ahead hits the mark! Please read the consultation document online at stratford.govt.nz - Submissions close 11 April 2022.

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Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 12.00pm
Sundays & Public Holidays Closed

Transfer Station
Phone 06 765 8500
Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm

TSB Pool Complex
Phone 06 765 6275
Weekdays 6.00am – 7.30pm
Wednesday 6.00am – 6.30pm
Saturdays 7.00am – 5.30 pm
Sunday 11.00am – 5.30 pm

Glockenspiel
Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm,
3.00pm and 7.00pm
23 March 2022