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WATER SAVING TIPS

Be smart with your spa and pool water

- The higher the temperature, the greater the water evaporation. If you have a spa or heated pool, dial down the temp and use a pool cover so you won't have to top up as frequently.
- Using the right dose of salt or chlorine, and keeping your pool clean and filtered, will mean you won't need to empty and refill your pool as often.
- A toddler's paddling pool can use up to 100L each time it gets emptied. If you need to empty the water and it's untreated, use it in your garden or on your lawn.

Got a water saving tip? We'd love to hear it and maybe even share it. Email your tip to Communications@Stratford.govt.nz



Free Event
Summer Nights

**MOVIES POSTPONED
UNTIL SUNDAY 18
FEBRUARY**

Public Notices

Meeting schedule - February 2024

- **Workshop:** Tuesday 13 February at 10am
- **Public Forum (by request):** Tuesday 13 February at 3pm. Visit Stratford.govt.nz/PublicForum for an application form if you wish to speak.
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday 13 February at 3.30pm
- **Hearing (Easter Sunday Trading and Speed Management Plan):** Tuesday 27 February at 1pm
- **Policy & Services Committee:** Tuesday 27 February at 3pm

Meetings and Workshops will be held in the Council Chambers on Miranda Street.

- **Meeting of the Percy Thomson Trust:** Thursday 15 February at 4pm, Stratford District Council Committee Room

Changes to meeting times will be published in the meeting schedule at Stratford.govt.nz/PublicNotices

S Hanne | Chief Executive

Rubbish and recycling collection is changing across the country. What does it mean for Stratford district?

The government is standardising kerbside recycling across Aotearoa, New Zealand. On 1 February 2024, from Kaitiāia to Bluff and everywhere in between, the same items will be accepted in recycling bins.

The changes should make it easier for people to know what can and can't be recycled, divert waste from landfill, cut down on recycling contamination, and make it easier to collect and report waste data.

So, what will change for Stratford district?

Stratford district residents will not notice much of a difference in their recycling dos and don'ts. The main change will be that aerosol cans will need to go into the red-lid bin for general waste as they'll no longer be recyclable.

From 1 February, the only materials accepted in kerbside recycling bins will be:

- Plastic bottles with lids removed, and containers and trays larger than 10cm x 10cm. All plastic must be numbered 1, 2 or 5 and rinsed clean.
- Food and drink tins and cans (rinsed and with lids inside the can)
- Paper and cardboard, including pizza boxes with food scraps removed

Clean glass jars and bottles without lids will continue to be the only glass recycling accepted.

SDC Sustainability Advisor Vicky Dombroski says while it'll be business as usual for many, the focus on recycling gives people a great opportunity to take another look at what they're putting in their bins.

"Did you know batteries can't go in any council rubbish or recycling bin? Drop them off at the Transfer Station or a local organisation with a battery recycling service," says Vicky.

Long Term Plan a focus at recent Policy and Services meeting

On Tuesday 23 January 2024, the Policy and Services Committee discussed a number of proposals which will make up part of the draft Long Term Plan.

The meeting was a mammoth one, with 25 reports!

The Committee didn't get through everything on the day and adjourned the meeting at 9.22pm with a resolution to continue on Tuesday 30 January at 9am.

Items that were up for debate at the meeting included:

- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Housing for the Elderly Policy
- Council-owned earthquake prone buildings
- Forestry differential - Roding Targeted Rate
- Draft Fees and Charges
- Proposed capital projects
- Maintenance contracts for facilities and open spaces
- Disposal of surplus properties

Stratford.govt.nz/Recycling



Aerosol cans go in your red-lid bin for general waste

"Make sure you put all your small container lids in your rubbish bin as they can't go through our sorting machine for recycling, or better yet, be creative and repurpose them. And give all your plastic and glass recycling a good wash."

Stratford district punches above its weight when it comes to recycling.

During 2022 to 2023, out of the total tonnage of waste collected from the Transfer Station and local kerbsides, 37% was recycling, which is the highest in the Taranaki region.

Once collected and sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in New Plymouth, the district's recycling is sent around the North Island and turned into new products. No recycling materials are sent overseas.

Visit Stratford.govt.nz/Recycling for more information on Stratford district's kerbside collection services.



Stratford.govt.nz/LTP

Decisions made by the committee on these matters are recommendations which will go to the full Council on 13 February 2024.

If approved at the full council meeting, the proposals will contribute to the draft Long Term Plan, which will be released for consultation in April 2024.

A more detailed update on what was discussed is available online at Stratford.govt.nz/LTP

Have Your Say, Stratford!

Give your feedback on the **Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy** and **Draft King Edward Park Reserve Management Plan** by 4pm Friday 16 February at Stratford.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

Library and Visitor Information

Phone 06 765 5403

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday & 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

Wai O Rua - Stratford Aquatic Centre

Phone 06 765 6275

Monday – Friday 6.00am – 6.30pm

Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

10.00am – 5.00pm

Glockenspiel

Performs Daily at 10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm and 7.00pm

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