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Have your Say!

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We want your feedback on this and other key decisions in our draft Long Term Plan

Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL

What should our **kerbside green waste** collection look like?

Around 43% of what we currently collect in rubbish bins consists of organic and green waste. This material is sent to landfill where it creates methane as it breaks down.

To help minimise landfill waste and reduce emissions, the Government is requiring councils such as ours, to start collecting food waste by 2027.

While food waste collection is the minimum we must do, we've had requests from our community for a more comprehensive green kerbside bin service which could also collect garden waste, such as tree trimmings and lawn clippings.

So, we have to make a decision about which level of service we want.

OPTION 1

OUR PREFERRED OPTION

Introduce a green waste collection service

This service would provide a 240-litre wheelie bin for green organic waste and food waste, collected weekly.

The bin could be used for kitchen food waste just like Option 2, but also organic waste from gardens such as tree trimmings, leaves, twigs and grass clippings.

- Green organic waste and food waste
- **240-litre**
- Collected weekly
- $72 per year or $1.38 per week



- Provide a service that the community has been asking for.
- Be simple to collect *(since it's the same size as our current yellow recycling bins)*.
- Less waste would go to landfill than under Option 2.
- Help reduce methane emissions from landfill.
- Meet our obligations to the Government.
- It would cost more each year compared to Option 2.

OPTION 2

Only provide the mandatory food waste service

This service would provide a small 23-litre bin for kitchen food waste. This is the minimum level of service that the Government requires us to provide.

The bin could only be used for food waste such as meal leftovers, kitchen scraps, expired or stale food, and rotten fruits or vegetables.

- Food waste
- **23-litre**
- Collected weekly
- $35 per year or $0.67 per week



- Meet our obligations to the Government.
- Cost less annually than Option 1.
- May not meet the expectations of our community.
- Will not divert as much waste from landfill.

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What does the Council think?

The Council prefers OPTION 1

We think it best provides the level of service that our community has been asking for and will result in better environmental outcomes by reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill.

But we need to hear from you, which option do you support?

Have your Say!

The easiest way to share your feedback is at ***ItsOurPlace.nz***

Feedback closes Sunday 28 April

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do councils have to provide a food waste collection service?

The New Zealand Waste Strategy requires councils to provide households in urban areas with a food waste collection service before 2030. In areas with food waste processing facilities already available (like Ashburton), the service must be in place before 2027.

Will it be compulsory, or can we opt out?

The chosen service will be provided to all households in the Council's kerbside collection area and billed through a targeted rate. There will not be a choice to opt out.

Would this service be available to businesses?

Initially the service will only be provided to residential addresses, however the Government has announced plans to get businesses ready to separate food scraps from general waste by 2030.

What would it cost to set up?

We can secure a grant from the government's Waste Minimisation Fund to help cover the costs of setting up the service – such as buying new kerbside bins and building a storage bunker at the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park. The remaining capital costs would be loan-funded, see the consultation document for full details.

When would the service begin?

Weekly food waste or green waste collections would begin from 1 September 2026.

What will happen with the waste after it's collected?

The material will be transported to a green waste processing facility, either in Timaru or Christchurch, and converted into compost and soil conditioner.

Will any other kerbside collection services change once the service starts?

No, red rubbish bins will continue to be collected weekly, glass and recycling will continue to be collected fortnightly.

Want to look at this topic in more detail?

Check out the consultation document.

OUR LONG TERM PLAN

The draft Long Term Plan provides a roadmap for the projects and services we intend to deliver over the next 10 years.

It lets you know what we'll be doing, how much it will cost and how we intend to pay for it.

We have five key decisions that we think are important, but we welcome your feedback on any part of the plan. This is your chance to help define the priorities of our district and it's important that everyone has their say.

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Scan the QR code to view the consultation document.

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Community Events

Learn more about the topics in the Long Term Plan, ask questions and chat with councillors at these upcoming events.

Saturday Sausage Sizzles

10am-2pm

Visit any time between 10am-2pm, grab a free sausage and chat to us about the Long Term Plan.

Sat 6 April	Tinwald Pool
Sat 13 April	Baring Square East, Ashburton
Sat 20 April	Methven iHub

We'll also be popping up elsewhere around the district, check ***ItsOurPlace.nz*** for an event near you.

Community Meetings

7pm-8pm

Thu 4 April	Rakaia Community Centre
Hosted by the Rakaia Community Association	
Tue 9 April	Mount Somers War Memorial Hall
Mon 15 April	Hinds Community Centre
This meeting will focus on the key stockwater decision	
Tue 16 April	Ashburton Library
This meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube	
Wed 17 April	Mt Hutt Memorial Hall