



MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CHARGE POLICY

Adopted by Council 15 December 2004

1. PURPOSE

To set the criteria for application of the Garbage and Recycling Charge

2. SCOPE

All properties within the Declared Garbage and Recycling Collection District

3. REFERENCES

Include reference to Council report of 15 December 2004 after consideration by Council.

4. COUNCIL POLICY

The Garbage and Recycling Charge will be reviewed annually and set by Council as part of the budget process.

The Garbage and Recycling Charge will apply to all properties occupied by a residence, within the Garbage and Recycling District declared by Council from time to time subject to the following:

Agricultural Land: Properties rated as agricultural land with one or more residences must pay one Garbage and Recycling Charge. Additional sets of bins will be supplied on request, and additional garbage charges applied.

Dependent Relative Unit: Where a second residence on a property is occupied by a dependant family member, the Responsible Officer may exercise discretion to waive the second garbage and recycling charge.

Existing Multiple Occupancies/Strata Titles: Where it is impractical to provide a service to each rateable property the Responsible Officer may exercise discretion to reduce the number of services and Garbage and Recycling Charges.

Commercial and Industrial Properties

The Garbage and Recycling Charge will apply to all commercial and industrial properties occupied by a business within the Garbage and Recycling District declared by Council from time to time subject to the following:

If the business has a documented effective garbage and recycling system in place (e.g. Waste Wise Business) then the Responsible Officer may exercise discretion to waive the garbage and recycling charge.

If the standard kerbside service is inadequate for the volume of garbage generated by a business, and the business has a satisfactory alternative garbage disposal service, then the property will be provided with 2 recycling bins instead of 1 garbage and 1 recycling bin.

Multiple Occupancies/Strata Titles: Where it is impractical to provide a service to each rateable property because of issues with bin storage and placement for collection then the Responsible Officer may exercise discretion to reduce the number of services and Garbage and Recycling Charges.

Schools

The Garbage and Recycling Charge will apply to all properties occupied by a school within the Garbage and Recycling District declared by Council from time to time subject to the following:

If the school has a documented effective garbage and recycling system in place (e.g. Waste Wise Business) then the Responsible Officer may exercise discretion to waive the garbage and recycling charge.

If the standard kerbside service is inadequate for the volume of garbage generated by a school, and the school has a satisfactory alternative garbage disposal service, then the property will be provided with 2 recycling bins instead of 1 garbage and 1 recycling bin.

Country Fire Authority, Halls and Churches

The Garbage and Recycling Charge will only apply to those properties that request the service.

Occupancy Permit

A set of bins will be supplied and garbage and recycling charge will apply when:

A dwelling is complete and Occupancy Certificate has been issued.

The dwelling is valued and rated as a house. If a request is received for bins at a property with no Occupancy Permit, request will be referred to Rates to determine if rated as a house.

A Caravan Permit has been issued as per Council Local Law (a prerequisite is that Building Permit for dwelling has been issued and construction of the dwelling has commenced).

A service will not be provided to sheds used as a dwelling unless an Occupancy Certificate has been issued

Road Access

If a property fronts a road that is not maintained by Council then the compulsory garbage and recycling charge will not apply. An optional service will be available to these properties if they are willing to take their bins to a suitable point on a Council maintained road for collection.