

1 July 2021



Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 18/06/2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Recycling within Horowhenua

****For each of the questions can you please include information per year for the last 5 years? So please include 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and so far in 2021 calendar years.**

How much recycling has been collected by your council per year in tonnes?

Year	Quantity (tonnes)
2021 YTD	973.1
2020	2,232.2
2019	2,149.2
2018	1,915.6
2017	2,166.6

The above quantities include both mixed recycling and glass collected from kerbside recycling services and static recycling stations in the Horowhenua District.

Cardboard collected separately at the transfer stations is not included in the above values as we do not hold records of the total quantity collected in tonnes. Year to date, 288 cardboard cages have been collected from the recycling stations in Foxton and Shannon. In 2020, 990 cages were collected in total.

Of the recycling collected how much has been sent to landfill in tonnes? If possible, please include a reason why (ie recycling contamination).

We do not hold records of the total quantity of recycling sent to landfill over the requested time period.

In May and June 2020, a portion of the collected mixed recycling was sent to landfill due to restrictions on the quantity of recycling we could take to the sorting facility during this time. These restrictions were put in place due to reduced capacity at the sorting facility and the backlog of recycling to clear after services were

suspended during Covid-19 Alert Level 4. An estimated 22.5 tonnes of mixed recycling was disposed of to landfill.

We are aware that on occasion, cardboard cages from the transfer stations have been sent to landfill due to high contamination. However, we do not have records of the number of times this has occurred.

Of the recycling collected, how much has been recycled domestically per year within New Zealand in tonnes?

We do not hold records of the total quantity of our recycling that has been recycled domestically during the requested time period.

Recycling from the Horowhenua District is sent to the materials recovery facility at the Awapuni Resource Recovery Park where it is sorted and baled. Palmerston North City Council are responsible for finding markets for all recyclable materials sorted at this facility.

Of the recycling collected, how much has been sent overseas to be recycled per year in tonnes? (Please include country sent to)

We do not hold records of the total quantity of our recycling that has been sent overseas during the requested time period. It is our understanding that historically some of the mixed grade plastics have been sent overseas for recycling.

Please include a brief outline of which items your council can and cannot recycle? (particularly around the types of plastics).

As of June 2021 Horowhenua District Council accepts the following products in the kerbside recycling and static recycling stations:

- Hard plastics #1, #2, and #5 (excluding meat trays)
- Steel tins and cans
- Aluminium cans
- Clean paper and cardboard (excluding pizza boxes)
- Glass jars and bottles (collected separately)

Common items we do not accept include:

- Soft plastics
- Plastics #3, #4, #6 and #7
- Meat trays (all plastic types)
- Lids from jars and bottles
- Pizza boxes
- Aerosol cans (empty or full)
- Liquid paper board/plastic lined cardboard
- Compostable packaging
- Broken glass

- Window glass, mirror glass, Pyrex, drinking glasses, crystal
- Glass perfume or cosmetic containers

There have been two major changes to the accepted materials over the time period requested:

- October 2018 – Soft plastic items removed from service
- May 2021 – All plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7 removed from service

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,



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