



City of
Whittlesea

WASTE MANAGEMENT CODE OF PRACTICE

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1. PREAMBLE

Council has developed this Code of Practice to ensure that waste and recycling materials are collected safely and efficiently.

Problems commonly encountered in respect of waste and recycling collections and materials include:

- Waste receptacle bins being left in dangerous locations or on the *roadside* for periods longer than required;
- Waste materials and litter not being stored or removed in a responsible manner; and
- Unauthorised damage to and interference with *Council* assets.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Code is to provide an environment where waste and recycling materials are managed in a way that complements the safety and amenity of the public and the community, and also to minimize damage to *Council* and community assets.

3. RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2014

3.1 This Code has been incorporated by reference into *Council's* General Municipal Law (No. 1 of 2014).

3.2 Clause 5.9 of the General Municipal Law provides that:

"An occupier of land to which Council provides a garbage/recycling/green/hard waste collection service must comply with the Waste Management Code".

3.3 The Code referred to in that clause is this Code of Practice, as amended from time to time.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 Any word or term defined in General Municipal Law (No. 1 of 2014) has the same meaning in this Code of Practice. Words and phrases appearing in italics are defined in the General Municipal Law.

4.2 Further, in this Code of Practice

"asset" means any:

- (a) *road*;
- (b) footpath;
- (c) *pathway*,
- (d) drain;
- (e) drainage infrastructure;
- (f) stormwater drainage system;
- (g) communications conduit or pit;

- (h) street tree;
- (i) street sign; or
- (j) other property vested in or under the control of *Council*;

5. WASTE RECEPTACLES

5.1 An *occupier* of *premises* must not:

- (a) place a garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle out for emptying before 4:00pm one day prior to the scheduled time for garbage/recycling/garden waste collection in the area in which those *premises* are located; or
- (b) *allow* any such garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle to remain outside of their *premises* after 4:00pm the day after it is emptied by *Council* or persons authorised by *Council*.

5.2 An *occupier* of *premises* must keep any garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle in a clean and inoffensive condition.

5.3 An *occupier* of *premises* must not, without the consent of *Council* or an *authorised officer*, place more than one garbage, recycling or garden waste receptacle out for collection.

5.4 An *occupier* of *premises* may:

- a. mark any supplied garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle used by him or her with the number of those *premises*, provided that such number is no more than 150mm in height or width and is in a form approved by *Council*; and
- b. renew the marking of the number as often as may be necessary to keep the number clearly legible.

6. PLACEMENT OF WASTE RECEPTACLES

6.1 An *owner* or *occupier* of *premises* must ensure that each receptacle is placed out for collection in a location as directed by *Council* or an *authorised officer* for collection on the evening prior to the scheduled collection day.

6.2 An *owner* or *occupier* of *premises* located in a court based or dead end street must place garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacles:

- a. along the straight section of a court bowl; or
- b. as directed by *Council* or an *authorised officer* for collection in dead end streets.

6.3 Any garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle placed out for collection must:

- a. be positioned on the *nature strip* adjacent to the kerb or *pathway* as close as possible to the *vehicle* access point to the *premises*, or in any other manner directed by *Council* or an *authorised officer* from time to time;
 - b. have receptacle wheels facing the *premises*;
 - c. have the receptacle handle facing away from the *road*; and
 - d. be at least 0.5m apart.
- 6.4 A garbage/recycling/garden waste receptacle placed out for collection must not have a gross weight of more than 50 kilograms.
- 6.5 A *person* must not place any garbage/recyclables/garden waste that would prevent the lid of the receptacle being closed.

7. DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

- 7.1 An *occupier* of *premises* to which *Council* provides a garbage collection service must:
- a. deposit garbage generated at the *premises* into a garbage receptacle provided by *Council* for that purpose only;
 - b. not *place* in a garbage receptacle anything other than garbage which is:
 - i. wrapped in any manner necessary to render them inoffensive and to prevent the protrusion of sharp objects;
 - ii. dangerous, flammable, explosive or hazardous to human health and the environment;
- or
- iii. contained in a bag that is tied at the open end to prevent spillage of the contents and facilitate the lifting of the bag;
 - c. not *place* garbage out for collection in any receptacle other than that provided by *Council*; and
 - d. not *place* out for collection any garbage receptacle, except in accordance with any requirements prescribed by or determined in accordance with the General Municipal Law.

8. DISPOSAL OF RECYCLING AND GARDEN WASTE

- 8.1 An occupier of premises to which Council provides a recycling/garden waste collection service must:
- a. deposit only recyclables/garden waste generated at the premises into a recycling/garden waste receptacle provided by Council for that purpose only;
 - b. not place recycling/garden waste in plastic bags for disposal in a recycling/garden waste receptacle;
 - c. not place garbage/recyclables out for collection in any receptacle other than that provided by Council; and
 - d. not place out for collection any recycling/garden waste receptacle, except in accordance with any requirements prescribed by or determined in accordance with the General Municipal Law.
 - e. not place any materials that are dangerous, flammable, explosive or hazardous to human health and the environment;
- 8.2 An occupier of premises to which Council provides a recycling/garden waste collection service must only place recyclable waste out for collection in such a manner that prevents the recyclable waste from being dislodged and becoming loose on Council land.

9. KERBSIDE HARD WASTE/BUNDLED BRANCH COLLECTION

- 9.1 Where Council provides a hard waste or bundled branch collection service, an occupier of premises must ensure that any such material placed out for collection is secured in a manner that ensures it cannot be displaced by wind or other natural occurrence and is not dangerous, flammable, explosive or hazardous to human health and the environment;
- 9.2 Where Council has given public notice that a hard waste or bundled branch collection will be made, any hard waste or bundled branches to be collected must be left for collection on the property's naturestrip the evening prior to the scheduled collection date and in accordance with Council's directions from time to time.
- 9.3 A person must not, without the consent of Council or an authorised officer, remove any hard waste or bundled branches left for collection in accordance with Council's or an authorised officer's directions under sub-clause 9.2.