



**KAIKŌURA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Busting Kaikōura Waste Myths

In the last 3 years council has dealt with 17 recorded cases of illegal dumping. Over the last few years illegal dumping has cost ratepayers approximately \$10,000 a

year to clean up.

In addition, half a tonne of waste is taken out of the town bins every day. Town waste bins are regularly abused and used by a few locals for household or commercial rubbish.

Illegal dumping and abuse of our rubbish bins has damaged our environment and spoiled parts of this precious place for everyone.

Council is working with Innovative Waste Kaikōura (IWK) to plan for the future. A new waste management and minimisation strategy will cover collection, recycling and waste disposal to meet Kaikōura’s needs in the future.

In the meantime, we’re asking for the public’s help to stop dodgy dumping, part of that means busting some of Kaikōura’s ‘waste myths’.

1. *IWK will take any items for the shop for a gold coin no matter the quality.*
 - a. Wrong. In the past IWK did allow uncontrolled drop off of items for the shop. Unfortunately, that meant people were abusing the service and leaving things for the shop that were broken, dirty, unsafe or that were never going to find a buyer. Ratepayers, through Council and IWK, then had to pay the costs of storing, cleaning, sorting and disposing of this junk. In the past two months over two tonnes of landfill waste has been left for sale in the shop that IWK had to get rid of.
 - b. Now all items are checked by an IWK staff member at drop off to make sure they are safe and of a quality that means they will find a buyer. Items that are broken junk are directed to landfill or wood, metal or other scrap. For items that can be resold, people dropping items off are charged what IWK believes is a fair price for the service.
2. *IWK are ‘really expensive’ and make money by charging you for your items*
 - a. IWK only charge what it costs them to deal with your waste. For example – electronics are charged for because the staff at IWK then spend time stripping them down into their parts so the parts can be recycled. They do get paid for the recycling they can find markets for but many parts cannot be recycled and the prices for many others are very low. In addition, they have to pay for the staff costs and time to handle and strip down the items.
 - b. Comparison with Waimakariri /Hurunui/Marlborough charges

	Kaikoura	Marlborough	Waimakariri	Hurunui
Targeted Refuse/recycling rates – charged in your rates	\$104 for kerbside recycling collection where available	\$115	\$103	\$270 for kerbside collection (refuse and recycling)

	\$41 for rural recycling collection points			
Rubbish bags each	\$4.50-\$8.00	“Free” if in official bag (included in rates) (otherwise \$1.40 each Other bags \$2.30-\$3.10	Free if in ‘official’ WDC bag (bags cost \$3)	Free if in ‘official’ HDC bag (bags cost \$2.60)
Cleanfill per tonne	\$80	\$52.30	\$92	\$87
Greenwaste per tonne (assumes .2 of a tonne per cubic metre)	\$80	\$90-\$231	\$152.00	\$122
Wood waste per tonne	\$160 (this is wood that can’t be repurposed)	\$133.30	\$259.40	\$242.00
Tyres each	\$4-8.50 car tyres, 4x4 and light truck	\$5.50-\$82	\$5 -\$75	\$7-\$70
Whiteware	\$3 for all whiteware except fridges & freezers which are \$15	\$5-\$15	\$3-\$25	\$7.50
TVs	\$45	\$15	\$17 -\$32	\$13
Landfill per tonne	\$350	\$133.30	\$259.40	\$242

3. *IWK’s hours make it hard to legally dispose of waste*

- a. IWK is open 6 days a week for about 48 weeks of the year. IWK is only closed for some public holidays and Tuesdays. It is open 9am-4pm weekdays (except Tuesdays) and 10am-4pm on weekends.
- b. The recent council satisfaction survey asked for feedback on opening hours and rubbish and recycling services in general. Feedback showed some interest in changing opening hours and introducing kerbside rubbish collection. Both of ideas will be investigated as part of upcoming waste minimisation planning.

4. *Dumping rubbish doesn’t really matter*

- a. Kaikōura is home to many special native species and landscapes. This unique biodiversity helps keep our air clear, our water clean, and provide food, education, medicine and recreation for our local residents and visitors. Illegally dumping waste spoils this precious place.
- b. Illegal dumping pollutes landscapes, waterways and marine environments. Litter not only affects our enjoyment of the outdoors, it also has impacts for our economy as well (eg, tourism) and the health of ecosystems.

5. *Council do nothing about it*

- a. Council works with IWK to provide
 - i. recycling collection, and rubbish disposal services and public education to encourage the responsible disposal of waste. Including a budget of \$10,000 per year to pay for the clean-up and disposal of reported illegally dumped waste.

- ii. monthly inspections and clean-ups (if needed) of key areas –Kiwa Road, South Bay, others as required
 - b. IWK is happy to work one on one with individuals, businesses or community groups to help them understand how to reduce and recycle their waste as much as possible and make visits to IWK as cheap, quick and easy as possible.
6. *Dumping is all freedom campers and out of towners*
 - a. Wrong – many incidents of rubbish dumping are for items like whiteware and tyres or general household waste – not items likely to be left by freedom campers. Many incidents are in areas more commonly used by locals than visitors.
7. *The town bins aren't well looked after*
 - a. Council allocates \$52,000 each year to service town rubbish and recycling bins. Over the summer peak our busiest bins are emptied at least twice a day. Over half a tonne of rubbish comes out of the town bins every day. Not all of that is from visitors: we have a few locals who cost the rest of us.

Help stop dodgy dumpers

1. Talk to your friends, colleagues, whanau and neighbours about this – spread the word that dodgy dumping is not acceptable and costs our environment and our ratepayers.
2. Tell Council about any waste you see so that we can get it fixed. Please provide any details of any vehicles involved, such as registration plate, colour, make and model. You can do this by:
 1. [Putting in a request for service \(leave us photos and the exact location\) https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/contact-us/](https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/contact-us/)
 2. Calling 03 319 5026
 3. [Email us KDC@kaikoura.govt.nz](mailto:KDC@kaikoura.govt.nz)
3. For safety reasons, and for us to investigate, we ask that people leave the dumped material as it is and don't touch it.
4. What happens then?
 1. The job is logged in Council systems so we can track where issues are happening and how quickly and how well we deal with them.
 2. An inspection may be needed (especially if the issue is around human waste or other hazardous materials)
 3. A clean up happens and rubbish is checked to see if it can be traced back to those responsible