

 GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL	POLICY - WASTE MANAGEMENT	2.2	
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1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide guidance for the application of kerbside waste and recycle bins, vouchers or a waiver system, in relation to waste management within the municipal area.

2. SCOPE

This policy relates to all properties within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area.

3. POLICY

Council has resolved that the municipal wide waste and recycle collection programme is to be borne by all ratepayers in the municipal area by way of charges that have been levied.

In the interest of introducing a cohesive system, Council has determined to maintain the adopted “Base Levy” without reduction, except through the qualification of hardship or disability.

The “Base Levy” is an annually adopted fee of Council that covers the overall compliance / operational costs of the four Waste Transfer Stations and includes ‘skip bin’ waste transportation and disposal costs to the Copping landfill.

The ‘Service Charge’ is an annually adopted fee of Council that covers residential and commercial waste and recycling street kerbside collections.

To maintain a workable, flexible programme Council has introduced “Genuine - Hardship or Disability” guidelines with an objective process to ascertain whether a ratepayer qualifies for consideration of relief to some or all waste management charges and / or the provision of a non-standard service.

Genuine Hardship

Genuine Hardship would be established where the applicant:

- Has documented evidence of hardship beyond that experienced by a recipient of a Federal Government allowance.
Documented evidence would include a statement from a professional health or social worker to the effect that the person in question relies wholly on welfare payment, does not have family or other similar support and in the opinion of the professional person is unable to meet commitments to waste fees and charges levied by Council.

Genuine Disability

Genuine disability for the purposes of this policy would be established where the applicant:

- Has a disability that in the opinion of a professional health worker prevents the person from accessing normal Council waste services including domestic collection or the use of vouchers at a transfer station and independent assessment by the Community Development officer ascertains that there is no likelihood of family, neighborhood or other alternative methods of accessing Council waste management services.

The consideration of assistance to normal household waste and recyclables but does not include green waste. The General Manager will document all applications for relief in line with the criteria, indicating reasons for reaching a decision of the applicant for relief.

Waste Management Voucher

Vouchers are issued under certain criteria where property owners can be entitled to convert their domestic waste and recycling bin collection entitlements to equivalent entitlements in the form of a weekly, non-redeemable waste management voucher.

Vouchers are issued to all entitled property owners at the beginning of each financial year.

The following is the process of conversion:

CONVERSION – kerbside collection to waste transfer station voucher

A residential property owner may apply to the General Manager, via the relevant application form ([Application for Conversion](#)) to replace issued “mobile bins” with a waste transfer station voucher provided the following criteria is met:

- Disabled / Invalid Pensioner
- Temporary Resident ie Shack Owner
- House located more than 100 metres from road frontage.

A voucher entitles the recipient to gain access to any Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Waste Transfer Station free of charge, on the following basis:

- Disposal of residential rubbish on a weekly basis up to an equivalent volume of a standard 140 litre bin.
- Dispose of residential recycling on a fortnightly basis up to an equivalent volume of a standard 140 litre bin.

Standard Base Levy and Service Charges still apply.

WAIVER – Annual kerbside collection service charge

Where a residential property owner lives in an area of the municipal area where Council does not provide a kerbside collection service, then the property owner may apply to the General Manager, via the ([Application for Conversion](#)) form for a “waiver” of the current kerbside collection service charge.

If an application is approved, the property owner must arrange, via the Works Department, for the return of the previously issued kerbside collection bins or vouchers. Once returned, a reimbursement is applicable in the following format:

- If a waiver is approved during July to December then a 6 month reimbursement of the current service charge is applicable.
- If a waiver is approved during January to June no reimbursement is payable.

ISSUE OF NEW / ADDITIONAL COLLECTION BINS

Following the issue of new or additional bin sets to a property, the following cost structure will apply:

- 100% “Base Levy” (for new service)
- Bins delivered to a property during July to December – 100% “Service Charge” or
- Bins delivered to a property during January to June – a pro rata “Service Charge” of 50% applies.

Where a new dwelling has been constructed and a Service Charge has not previously been applied, the charge will apply from the date of occupancy for that property.

Vacant land attracts the compulsory Base Levy but is exempt from the Service Charge.

Vacant land with a caravan(s) onsite attracts the compulsory Base Levy and one Service Charge.

Lost or stolen bins should be reported to Council.

BIN OWNERSHIP

All residential and commercial mobile bins issued by Council, or on behalf of Council, remain the property of Council. Allocated residential and commercial bins issued to a property remain attached with the property following the sale of the said property or relocation of a tenant.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The policy will be implemented immediately following endorsement by Council.

5. DELEGATION

N/A

6. RESPONSIBILITY

The compliance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager and Manager Works.

7. REPORTING

N/A

8. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

N/A

9. REFERENCES

N/A

10. ATTACHMENTS

N/A