

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent and equitable approach to the provision of roadside waste collection services within the Shire of Boddington (Shire), ensuring all eligible developed properties receive an appropriate level of waste management service.

Scope

This policy applies to all developed properties within the Shire that contain a residential dwelling or commercial premise where a roadside bin collection service (general waste and recycling) is available. It outlines service eligibility, mandatory participation, responsibilities, and compliance requirements.

Definitions

| Term | Meaning |
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| Developed Property | A property containing residential buildings or commercial premises, regardless of whether it is occupied or vacant. |
| Roadside Waste Collection Service | A Shire-provided service that collects general waste and recycling bins placed at the property boundary/verge on the scheduled collection day, or at locations directed by the Shire's waste collection contractor. |
| General Waste | Waste material that cannot be recycled and is disposed of via landfill. |
| Recycling | Materials that are separated for processing and reuse, in accordance with Shire recycling guidelines. |
| Mandatory Service | A service that all eligible properties are required to receive; property owners/occupiers cannot opt out. |
| Ownership Change | The transfer of legal ownership of a property from one owner to another. |

Policy Statement

The Shire is committed to providing a consistent and equitable roadside waste collection service for all eligible developed properties. This service includes the collection of general waste and recycling and is designed to promote public health, environmental protection, and operational efficiency.

In accordance with this policy:

1. Mandatory Service Provision

All developed properties where a roadside bin collection service is available automatically receive a service, including general waste and recycling.

2. No Opt-Out

The roadside waste collection service is mandatory for all eligible properties and cannot be opted out of. This ensures:

- Public Health – Regular waste collection reduces litter, vermin, and health hazards.
- Environmental Protection – Consistent recycling and waste management helps reduce landfill and promotes responsible resource use.
- Operational Efficiency – Uniform service delivery effective route planning and cost control.
- Fairness – All properties with access to the service receive the same level of service; and contribute equitably to its cost.

3. Ownership Change

Where a developed property is eligible for roadside waste collection but does not currently receive the service, the service is provided automatically upon change of ownership. For developed properties already receiving the roadside waste collection service, the service remains with the property and transfer to the new owner, with any existing service charges updated to reflect the current policy.

4. No Retrospective Application

Properties that did not previously receive a roadside waste collection service are not subject to retrospective changes, except where triggered by a change of ownership or at the owners request.

5. Responsibilities of Property Owners and Occupiers

- Using bins only for their intended purpose;
- Avoiding contamination of recycling bins;
- Placing bins in the approved location within the specified timeframe;
- Presenting waste according to Shire guidelines;
- Complying with relevant legislation, local laws, and policy requirements.

6. Shire Responsibilities

- Determining service availability;
- Supplying, replacing, and maintaining bins;
- Managing collection schedules and liaising with the appointed waste collection contractor;
- Communicating service requirements to the community.

7. Compliance and Enforcement

- Failure to comply may result in non-collection or enforcement action under relevant legislation or local laws.

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| Responsible Officer | Executive Manager Corporate Services |
| History | Adopted 25 February 2026 (Resolution 11/26) |
| Delegation | |
| Relevant Legislation | <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> <i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007</i> |
| Related Documentation | Nil |