

## Rubbish Costs Money

Public opinion, Government legislation and the cost of landfilling rubbish has led to Council promoting better waste management practices. The operation of a consented landfill such as McLeans Pit is a response to these demands. Modern landfills are expensive to build. The slower they are filled, the longer they last and in the long run, the lower the cost to the ratepayer. To achieve this, we all need to minimize waste by reusing and recycling where possible.

At present Council does not have kerbside recycling due to the cost of establishment, collection, sorting and disposal, so it is important that residents get into the habit of taking their recyclable to the various outlets in this pamphlet. Eventually when budgets allow Council we will introduce kerbside recycling.

## What Goes Into Your Rubbish Bin

As a general guide, the following is the composition of our present household waste;

- ❖ Paper & Cardboard – 19%
- ❖ Plastic - 14%
- ❖ Organic – 32%
- ❖ Glass – 10%
- ❖ Textile – 11%
- ❖ Metal – 6%

## Where to take Your Recyclable Resources Cardboard, Newspapers & Magazines

- ❖ Blue Bin Services – 768 7907 – have bins at:
  - Blue Bins Depot – Cnr Preston Road & Steer Ave, Blaketown
  - McLeans Pit Landfill
  - Blackball Refuse Centre
  - Moana Refuse Centre
  - Nelson Creek Refuse Centre



## Glass - All colours, clean with Lids removed

- Check if your local school collects glass

## Plastics

At present there are no plastic recycling facilities in the district. Please squash flat containers prior to disposal in your refuse bag.

Used oil containers can be left at McLeans Landfill, Blackball, Moana and Nelson Creek Refuse Centres for safe disposal.

## Aluminium Cans

Collection bins for "Aluminium Cans" only at:

- The Warehouse Carpark
- Guide & Scout Den, High Street (next to Aquatic Centre)
- McLeans Landfill
- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana Refuse Centre
- Nelson Creek Refuse Centre
- Check if your local school collects cans



## Used Engine Oil No Petrol or Solvents!

- McLeans Landfill
- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana Refuse Centre
- Nelson Creek Refuse Centre



## Tin Cans

- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana Refuse Centre
- Nelson Creek Refuse Centre

## Scrap Metal

- South Island Metal Exchange, 3 Preston Road, Greymouth 768 7336
- W Hunt Scrapmetal Ltd, 51 Turumaha Street, Greymouth, 768 5398
- McLeans Landfill
- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana & Nelson Creek Refuse Centres



## Car Batteries

- South Island Metal Exchange, 3 Preston Road, Blaketown, Greymouth, Phone 768 7336
- W Hunt Scrapmetal Ltd, 51 Turumaha Street, Greymouth, Phone 768 5398
- Tasman Tyre Treads Ltd, 34 Herbert Street, Greymouth, 768 7149
- McLeans Landfill
- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana & Nelson Creek Refuse Centres

## Car Bodies

- McLeans Landfill
- Blackball Refuse Centre
- Moana Refuse Centre
- Nelson Creek Refuse Centre

Accepted Free in the following condition:

- Fuel tanks empty and punctured
- LPG & CNG tanks removed
- Engine & Transmission drained of oil
- Tyres removed (including spare)
- Free of all loose material – ie. Rubbish, rubber, mats etc
- Deregistered

If you cannot deliver the vehicle in this condition, a \$26 fee will be payable.

## Used Clothing, Books, Toys, Furniture

These items can go to needy causes or make you money.

- ❖ Opportunity or church shops
- ❖ Salvation Army, Tainui Street, Greymouth
- ❖ St Vincent de Paul, Chapel Street, Greymouth
- ❖ Uniting Church Shop, Lord Street, Greymouth
- ❖ The Sharing Shed, Bright Street, Cobden
- ❖ Garage Sale
- ❖ Trade Me

## Rags

Local Garages, trades people, engineering workshops and printing businesses are usually grateful for used clothing suitable for rags. This also includes older style cloth nappies.

### Compost - Vegetation Trimmings, Left Over Food, Green Waste, Lawn Clippings Etc

Your kitchen scraps, coupled with garden waste and paper scraps make up a large percentage of the waste going into landfill. This organic waste is a problem as it can produce greenhouse gases, methane carbon dioxide and increase leachate volume. Compost made from the above waste is a great soil conditioner.

### Sorting your Rubbish into Recyclables is Easy!

It will only take your family a few minutes per week to sort your rubbish. All that is required is for recycled material to be clean and free of food scraps. Perhaps have a few drums outside to store glass, cans etc. Paper and cardboard should be kept dry. For glass bottles, take the tops off but do not break the glass.

## Don't Waste Your Rubbish

A large percentage of what we throw away is recyclable resources. Recycling not only extends the life of our precious resources but also minimises the cost to the district and you. The key is to change your thinking about what you used to call rubbish. We all have the responsibility to take this approach for ours and our children's sake.

Hazardous waste is not permitted to be disposed of in Council Landfills.

# Hazardous Substances

Hazardous waste includes:

- \* Chemicals
- \* Resins
- \* Pesticides
- \* Herbicides
- \* Acids
- \* Caustic Wastes
- \* Paint
- \* Solvents
- \* Glue
- \* Lime
- \* Oil
- \* Bitumen Products
- \* Scheduled Poisons
- \* Hazardous inorganic chemicals

Store Hazardous waste in a safe place away from children until the periodic hazardous waste collection week is advertised, or a regional policy on hazard disposal has been developed.

Never bury hazardous materials as they may contaminate ground water that you drink.

Never pour hazardous wastes into a river, stream, sewer, storm-water drain or onto the ground.

Don't burn plastics, rubber, aerosol containers or treated timber as this can produce toxins that can contaminate the environment.

Companies which may be able to assist with the disposal of hazardous waste are:

John Larcombe, Tredi NZ Ltd, Blenheim  
Phone 03 578 9622

Solvent Refiners Ltd, Christchurch  
Phone 03 323 7153, Fax 03 389 4415

Chemwaste Industries Ltd, Christchurch  
Phone 03 384 5435, Fax 03 384 0318

If you see a hazardous substance spill or are responsible for a spill, phone the West Coast Regional Council IMMEDIATELY  
Phone 03 768 0466

Phone: 769 8611

Fax 769 8610

E-mail: [infrastructure@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:infrastructure@greydc.govt.nz)

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## Your Guide to Waste Minimisation

