

# WASTE CHARGES

## Domestic Waste Management Charge

The domestic waste management charge is a single charge with two components being the 'garbage service' and the 'recycling service'. It is proposed to increase all charges by 4.5%

Council has a strong commitment to a recycling program for the Shire, to reduce the amount of waste material going to landfill at its Materials Recycling Facility and to maximise the sale of recyclable products. As a component of Council's waste management charges, Council will levy under Section 496 of the Local Government Act, a recycling charge of \$141 for a fortnightly pickup service for a 240 litre recycling bin. That charge will be added to the garbage bin charge for each property depending upon whether they have a 240 litre \$630.00 or a 120 litre \$364.00 garbage bin service.

The charge will be applicable for all serviced properties within the township of Cowra and the villages of Darby's Falls, Wyangala, Woodstock, Wattamondara, Gooloogong, Noonbinna, Billimari and Morongla.

The domestic waste service is available upon request and by agreement, to a limited number of properties situated on the main access roads between Cowra Township and the above villages.

In accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council proposes to levy charges on properties for which the domestic waste service is available. For 2024/2025 the following charges are to be levied:

Domestic (Residential) Waste	2023/2024	2024/2025
1 x 240 litre garbage bin (weekly pick-up) and	603.00	630.00
1 x 240 litre recycling bin (fortnightly pick-up)	135.00	141.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>738.00</b>	<b>771.00</b>
1 x 120 litre garbage bin (weekly pick-up) and	348.00	364.00
1 x 240 litre recycling bin (fortnightly pick-up)	135.00	141.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>483.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>

In accordance with Section 496 and having regard to the criteria in Section 539 of the 1993 Local Government Act, Council has reviewed the Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Charges for Vacant Land and has decided to charge \$0 for 2024/2025. The total revenue raised in 2024/2025 through Domestic Waste Management for vacant land will be \$0.

## Commercial Waste Management Charge

Council will levy under Section 501 of the 1993 Local Government Act, a Waste Management Charge on commercial properties for which a waste service is provided. For 2024/2025 the following charges have been increased by 4.5%

Commercial Waste Management Charge	2023/2024	2024/2025
1 x 240 litre bin (1 pick-up per week)	603.00	630.00
1 x 120 litre bin (1 pick-up per week)	348.00	364.00

## Commercial Recycling Management Charge

In addition to the above charge, Council will levy under Section 501 of the 1993 Local Government Act, a Commercial Recycling Management Charge which has been increased by 4.5%. A Commercial Recycling service will continue to be rolled out in 2024/2025 for all commercial properties wishing to utilise the service.

Commercial Recycling Management Charge	2023/2024	2024/2025
1 x 240 litre recycling bin (1 pick-up per week)	274.00	286.00
Subsequent and additional bins	135.00	141.00

## OTHER CHARGES AND REBATES

### Pensioner Rebates:

In accordance with Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council provides a rate reduction of 50% of the amount of the rate levy. Of this rate reduction 55% is reimbursed by the NSW Government and the remaining 45% is written off by the Council.

The maximum reductions and estimated costs are as follows and have not changed from prior year:

Pensioner rebates	Maximum reduction
General Rates (including Domestic Waste)	\$ 250.00
Water	\$ 87.50
Sewer Availability & Service Charges	\$ 87.50

### Interest – Overdue Rates & Charges

Interest will be calculated at 10.5% (9% last year) on a daily basis using the simple interest method. The rate of interest is the rate specified by the Minister and published in the Government Gazette.