

Highlights from Sustainable Resource Recovery

Looking after our city

Actions from the 2018-24 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

5 
completed


10 
in progress

18 
ongoing/business as usual



Feature action: Staff updated the Fight the Landfill website to summarise changes to recycling from the new nation-wide rules.

Education and engagement

 **1676** people engaged with by our Education Advisor

Community education took place during sessions at the Materials Resource Recovery Facility, schools, local community houses, Kainga Ora and agencies.

The focus has been on recycling right and small things people can do to reduce their waste.

Top three positive changes committed during education sessions:

- no more takeaway coffee cups
- no more food in the red bin
- better recycling efforts to avoid it going to landfill.



Illegal dumping

32,960+ kg of illegal dumping removed (Jan-Mar 2024)

That's more than the weight of five elephants



That's almost 4000 kg less than Jan-Mar 2023

64 

infringement notices have been issued

(Oct 2023 - March 2024)

Areas where illegal dumping is reoccurring are proactively monitored and cleared away as quickly as possible.

Waste diversion



6 Mkg

of waste came through the Lincoln Street Transfer Station (Jan-Mar 2024)

That's around the same weight as 15 jumbo planes



That's 3Mkg less than in Jan-Mar 2023

1.9 Mkg

of recyclable waste came through the Hamilton Organic Centre

(Jan-Mar 2024)



When waste arrives at either our Lincoln Street Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) or Hamilton Organic Centre, it's then sorted to be recycled, go to landfill, or be recovered for another use.

47% of material is saved from landfill (March 2024)

Up from 29% in July 2022

Diverting construction and demolition materials (e.g wood, GIB board, concrete, steel and clean dirt) has had the biggest positive impact.

Other materials saved:

Glass Plastics 1, 2 and 5 Batteries E-waste Tyres
Aluminium Greenwaste Hazardous oil Gas Chemicals



Staff are working alongside construction companies, and Council's internal project teams, to develop waste plans and support construction sites to rethink how they manage their waste on site.

Founders Theatre project

Staff have been working alongside the Founders Theatre project team and contractors to divert materials from the demolition site to landfill.

2000 kg
of demolition material saved
from going to landfill

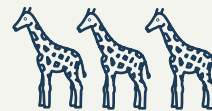
That's more than the
weight of four polar bears



148
items
donated to
**Habitat for
Humanity**
(e.g. sinks,
lighting, frames)

6000 kg
of asbestos sent to landfill

That's around the same
weight as three giraffes



National collaboration

5 national groups that the Sustainable Resource Recovery Team currently has representation on.



Territorial Authority Illegal Dumping Working Group

WasteMINZ Territorial Authority Officer Steering Group

WasteMINZ Recycling & Resource Recovery Sector Steering Group

WasteMINZ Disposal to Land Sector Group Steering Group

WasteMINZ FOGO (Food/Organic/Garden Organics) Reference Group