

# **DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION CODE**

**Attachment to General Local Law No.1 - 2013**



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## HUME CITY COUNCIL DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION CODE

### 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 Council provides waste collection services which include kerbside (daily and fortnightly) collections and 'at call' hard rubbish collections.
- 1.2 Council provides bins to owners and occupiers of land for the purpose of collecting recyclable goods, organic waste, and domestic waste.
- 1.3 The correct placement of bins on collection day is important, ensuring that the bins do not cause an obstruction or hazard. The prompt removal of bins by owners and occupiers following collection is also required to ensure a high standard of residential amenity is maintained.
- 1.4 Council has developed this Code to ensure all residents maintain, place and remove their bins according to minimum acceptable standards.
- 1.5 Council also provides an 'at call' hard rubbish collection service for up to 6 cubic metres of hard rubbish. This service is provided via a booking arrangement. At the time of booking households will be advised of what items are and are not allowed to be collected.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective of this Code is to ensure the amenity of Council's municipal district is maintained through the correct placement, removal and maintenance of waste collection bins.

### 3. RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL LOCAL LAW - 2013

- 3.1 This Code has been incorporated by reference into Council's General Local Law No.1 - 2013.
- 3.2 Clause 3.7.1 of that Local Law provides that:  
"The owner or occupier of any land to which Council provides a service for the removal of rubbish or organic or recyclable materials and hard waste must comply with Council's Domestic Waste Collection Code."
- 3.3 The Code referred to in that clause is this Code.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

Any word or term defined in General Local Law No.1 - 2013 has the same meaning in this Code.

**5. USE OF MOBILE DOMESTIC WASTE, ORGANIC AND RECYCLING BINS**

- 5.1 The occupier of any land to which Council provides a waste, organic or recycling collection and/or litter receptacle service must:
- 5.1.1 without delay deposit all refuse in a suitably contained manner generated at the land into the appropriate mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin, except that the occupier may:
- 5.1.1.1 use a receptacle for the deposit of refuse prior to the transfer of the refuse to either a:
- Mobile domestic waste bin
  - Mobile organic bin
  - Mobile recycling bin; and
- 5.1.1.2 compost any organic waste;
- 5.1.2 not place out for collection any bin other than that provided by Council, except in accordance with any requirements prescribed by or determined in accordance with the General Local Law No.1 - 2013 or this Code.

**6. PLACEMENT OF DOMESTIC WASTE, ORGANIC AND RECYCLING BINS**

- 6.1 The occupier of any land must not, without the consent of Council or an authorised officer, place more than one (1) mobile domestic waste bin and one (1) organic bin and one (1) recycling bin out for collection.
- 6.2 Any mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin placed out for collection must be positioned as directed by Council on the nature strip or footpath adjacent to the kerb, and in excess of one (1) metre from any obstacle or in any other manner directed or allowed by the Council or an authorised officer from time to time. Council or an authorised officer may at their discretion direct the placement of bins to be on adjacent nature strips if it is determined to be the most suitable location for collection.
- 6.3 Any mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin must be placed out for collection no later than 6.00am on the scheduled day of collection.
- 6.4 A person must ensure the lid of the bin is completely closed.
- 6.5 A person must not damage or interfere with:
- 6.5.1 a mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin; or
- 6.5.2 the contents of a bin placed out for collection, or place additional material into another property's bin.
- 6.6 A mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin must not be placed out for collection if it cannot be easily manoeuvred by one person or its weight exceeds 50 kilograms.

## **7. MAINTENANCE OF DOMESTIC WASTE, ORGANIC AND RECYCLING BINS**

- 7.1 The occupier of any land must keep his or her mobile domestic waste, organic and recycling bins in a clean, inoffensive and sanitary condition.
- 7.2 The occupier of any land must ensure that any area where a bin is placed between collections is:
- 7.2.1 drained to the satisfaction of an authorised officer; and
  - 7.2.2 kept in a clean, inoffensive and sanitary condition.
- 7.3 A mobile domestic waste, organic and recycling bin must be covered by its lid at all times, except when items are being deposited in or removed from the bins in accordance with this Code

## **8. REMOVAL OF DOMESTIC WASTE, ORGANIC AND RECYCLING BINS**

Once any mobile domestic waste, organic or recycling bin has been collected by Council or persons authorised by Council, the occupier of the land to which the bin was allocated must return the bin to the land within 24 hours of having been emptied.

## **9. HARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Where Council or an authorised officer has accepted a household hard waste collection booking, the materials to be collected must be left within the property's boundary for which the collection has been recorded, or at any other location agreed to and authorised by Council.

## **10. SCREENING OF BINS AND HOPPERS**

- 10.1 Council or an authorised officer may, by notice in writing, direct the owner or occupier of any land to:
- 10.1.1 install;
  - 10.1.2 repair; or
  - 10.1.3 replace
- a fence or other means of screening a bin or trade waste hopper from public view if it, he or she is of the opinion that the bin or trade waste hopper is:
- 10.1.4 unsightly;
  - 10.1.5 dangerous; or
  - 10.1.6 detrimental to the general amenity of the neighbourhood in which it is located.
- 10.2 A person must comply with a notice issued to him or her under clause 10.1 within any time specified in the notice.