



**Have  
your  
say**

# Food and Green Waste

## on the West Coast

### We want to hear from people living on the West Coast about their thoughts and current ways of dealing with food and green waste.

This will help us understand more about people's attitudes and behaviours regarding food and green waste and evaluate the potential demand for collection and processing services across the West Coast.

#### Why does your opinion matter?

The information gathered through this survey will help your district council to:

- Understand how urban communities currently dispose of food and garden waste.
- Understand urban communities preferences regarding food and garden waste collection.
- Scope out options for food and garden waste collection and processing on the West Coast.

#### What is food waste?

Food waste includes scraps and waste food, including fruits and vegetables and their skins/peels (e.g., avocado stones and corn cobs), but also grains, meat, fish, cooked foods, takeaways, processed foods, dairy, bones, shells, shellfish.

#### What is green waste?

Green waste includes lawn clippings, weeds, leaves, flowers, and small branches.

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the survey can be  
completed online?  
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or visit:**



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/foodandgreenwastewc>

#### Why a survey?

The Ministry for the Environment requires all district and city councils to provide food scraps (or food and garden waste) collection for households in urban areas of over 1,000 people by 1 January 2030. This will apply to Westport, Reefton, Greymouth, Runanga, and Hokitika.

Currently food scraps and wasted food are disposed of with general household rubbish. This rubbish is transported to landfills for disposal, creating emissions and high costs for ratepayers.

The three West Coast District Councils (Buller, Grey and Westland) are working with the Ministry for the Environment and Development West Coast to find practical solutions reducing the amount of food waste that ends up in landfills.



The feedback period is from **Monday 8 July to Monday 29 July 4:30pm**. Please note that feedback must be given using the paper or online form. Feedback received outside these dates will not be accepted.

# Survey questions

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to complete the survey online

1. **Where do you live?** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **How many occupants are living in your household (including you)?** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **What age range of people are living in your household?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

- 0 – 14 years of age     15 – 24 years of age     25 – 34 years of age     35 – 44 years of age  
 45 – 54 years of age     55 – 64 years of age     65 years of age and over

4. **How important is good waste management, recycling, and reuse to you on a scale of 1 – 5?**

*(Please tick the option that applies to you)*

- 1                       2                       3                       4                       5  
Not at all              Somewhat              Neither important              Somewhat              Very  
important              unimportant              nor unimportant              important              important

5. **How does your household dispose of food scraps and waste? Please rank the options below 1 – 5.**

*(1 = most common to 5 = least common). If you don't use an option, please select NA. If you use only 1 or 2 methods, please score these.*

	1 Most common	2	3	4	5 Least common	NA
I put it in the general household waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I home compost or have a worm farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feed animals (chooks or dogs etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have an in-sink waste disposal unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I burn or bury my food waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please tell us): \_\_\_\_\_

6. **How does your household dispose of its garden waste?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

- I put it into the general household waste bin     I use it for my compost  
 I take it to a facility that accepts green or garden waste     I burn or bury my garden waste

Other (please tell us): \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Would you use a Council-provided collection service for food scraps and food waste?**

- Yes     No     Sometimes

Please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Would you use a Council-provided collection service for garden waste?**

- Yes     No     Sometimes

Please tell us why: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **If your Council was to start collecting food waste and garden waste, how often would you like to see that happen?**

- Weekly     Fortnightly     Other, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Would you be willing to pay for a regular collection of food and/or green waste?**

- Yes     No

**11. If your Council collected food and garden waste, how would you like to see that happen?**

- I would like Council to collect food waste and garden waste together (one bin)
- I would like Council to collect food waste and garden waste separately (two bins)
- I prefer to drop off food and/or garden waste at a Council or community facility
- I would like Council to collect only my food waste
- I would like Council to collect only my green waste
- I don't want Council to collect food or garden waste

**12. Do you have any suggestions on how Councils can best meet the Ministry for the Environment requirements to collect food and green waste in urban areas of over 1,000 people by 2030?**

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**13. Is there anything else you would like to share about managing food scraps, food waste, and green and garden waste?**

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## For more information or to send us your feedback



### Online

The survey can be completed online by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/foodandgreenwastewc>



### Email

Email your district council with the subject **"Food and green waste collection"** if you have any questions. You can also email your filled-out survey form to us. Check out your local council contact details shown to the right.



### Post


Return this survey form to the mail slot at your district council office.



### Find out more

Visit your Council's website or grab some information from Council's offices and libraries in your district.

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