

Waitomo Way



KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES ARE COMING

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

- Mōkau, Awakino & Piopio only
- Monday collections move to Tuesdays
- All other routes unchanged

KEY DATES

- New yellow recycling bin delivered between 9-23 June.
- New system starts 1 July (use current system til then).

RECYCLING WILL NOW BE SEPARATED

EXISTING BLUE BIN - GLASS Only

- Clean glass
- No lids

NEW YELLOW BIN - Mixed Recycling

- Paper & cardboard
- Tins & cans
- Plastics 1, 2, 5
- No lids

NEW COLLECTION DAYS START WED 1 JULY '26

TUE	Waitomo ward & Village Mōkau-Awakino-Piopio
THUR	Te Kūiti 1/2 (east side of railway line)
FRI	Te Kūiti 1/2 (west side of Railway line)

MORE INFO



WAITOMO.GOV.T.NZ/KERBSIDE-CHANGES

Changes to kerbside collection and new recycling bin added

From 1 July 2026, recycling and household rubbish collection services in our district will be delivered by a new contractor, Evolve Ventures Limited.

There will be some important changes to the service, including updates to recycling bins, collection day changes for some areas, and improvements to how materials are collected and sorted.

Each household will receive a new yellow recycling bin, while continuing to use the existing blue bin for glass. Recycling will now be separated to improve quality and efficiency.

For some communities; Piopio, Mōkau and Awakino, there will be a collection day change from Monday to Tuesday. All other areas remain unchanged.

The new service will also introduce modern collection trucks, improved recycling sorting, and increased capacity to help households recycle more and reduce waste to landfill.

Important: Bins will be delivered between 9-23 June. Please continue using your current service (including current collection days) until 30 June, and place bins at the kerbside by 8am as usual.

The new service starts from 1 July.

These improvements are designed to make recycling easier, increase capacity, and support better environmental outcomes for our district. For more information, visit: www.waitomo.govt.nz/kerbside-changes

Don't be late - remember the date - get a rates rebate before it's too late

If you have not yet applied for a rates rebate for the 2025/2026 rating year, you only have until the end of the month to apply.

If you have a low income and pay the rates on your home, you could receive up to \$805 through Central Government's Rates Rebate Scheme. The threshold for SuperGold card holders has also significantly increased.

Applications for the 2025/2026 rating year

must be submitted by Tuesday 30 June 2026. You cannot apply for previous year rebates.

The amount you may receive is based on:

- the total amount of rates you pay
- if you hold a SuperGold Card
- you and your spouse/partner's (if applicable) gross income
- how many dependants live with you
- the ownership of your property
- your living situation.

You must be living at the property at 1 July and be the legal ratepayer.

Download an application form from our website: www.waitomo.govt.nz or contact our Customer Services team on 0800 932 4357 for further assistance.



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POP UP COUNCIL

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Mōkau



Our Pop up Council Customer Services team will be at the Mōkau Hall, Mōkau on Tuesday, 23 June 2026 from 10am to 2pm.

Come along to meet the team and receive help with a range of Council services:

- EFTPOS payments only
- Assistance with general enquiries
- Processing rates rebate applications

- Processing dog registrations
- Raising service requests
- Sale of official council rubbish bags
- Supply and sale of recycling bins

Our Animal Control team will also be onsite to microchip dogs (no bookings required). Save the date and pop in to see us. We'd love to see you.

Design a competition flag

What does the Waitomo District mean to you??

Your design here

Entries close 26 June

Visit our website for more info and to enter: waitomo.govt.nz

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THURSDAY 25 JUNE

FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Hunt for the Wilderpeople

7pm - Les Munro Centre

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