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GREEN WASTE COLLECTION (Commercial & Industrial exempt)

Council's kerbside waste, recycling and green waste service was implemented following extensive community consultation which commenced in April 2006. A district wide survey, followed by distribution of a proposed approach, letters and information leaflets to all properties and extensive advertising in 2007 and early 2008.

At a Council meeting held on 17 March 2008 Council considered an agenda item titled "New Kerbside Waste Management Services". The recommendations in the agenda item were both adopted at the Council meeting as was the "Kerbside Waste and Recycling Collection Service Policy"

The Policy formalised the introduction of the district wide service which commenced on 31 March 2008, and clearly states that the service applies to commercial and industrial premises *with the exception of green waste*.

Prior to the new service commencing in 2008, Commercial and Industrial premises were entitled to a 240 litre 50/50 green split bin. The rear half of the bin was designated for recycling and the front half for waste. *Green waste collection has never been available to Commercial and Industrial properties in the District Council of Mount Barker.*

Across South Australia, Local Council's generally do not provide a green waste service to Commercial and Industrial properties. Mount Barker Council pays a fixed rate for green organics and therefore cannot expect the contractor to collect from Commercial properties.

An annual refuse charge is applied to each property where the service is provided. As Commercial, Industrial and Rural properties (with a dwelling) only receive a 2 bin collection, they pay a reduced service charge compared to a 3 bin collection for 'township' residents. The service charge is itemised on the rates notice. If you wish to view the current financial year refuse charges please visit Council's website.

Alternative options for removal of green waste:

- **Free Clean Green Waste Drop Off Days**
Council has introduced free clean green waste drop-off days - three per year - at the Windmill Hill Transfer Station. Further information and dates can be viewed on Council's website.
- **Windmill Hill Transfer Station**
Residents can drop off CLEAN green waste at Council's Windmill Hill Transfer Station during opening hours for a fee. This covers the cost of shredding the materials into mulch. Only clean green waste such as lawn clippings, leaves & prunings, small branches etc. will be accepted. Prescribed plants will not be accepted under the Animal and Plant Control Act.

- **Utilising the general waste bin**

Small manageable quantities of green waste can be placed into the blue lidded 140 litre waste bin. Please do not exceed the 50kg weight limit.

- **Additional Services**

Property owners can apply for an additional service, where the 140 litre waste bin can be utilised for green waste. Requests for Additional Services will normally be for one extra service only, and are at the discretion of Council. Additional Services will be charged at the applicable Waste Service charge or pro rata for part of a financial year.

Council's contract with SITA Environment Solutions expires in 2015 and Council will re-assess the current service at this time including green waste for Commercial and Industrial properties.

Further information relating to the above options can be viewed on Council's Website at <http://www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au>