

## Play it safe at Level 2

We're excited about the transition to Level 2, but it's still important to look after each other and play it safe.

### What our services look like in Level 2

Here's a snapshot of what our services will look like in Level 2. For a full list of services go to [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/covid-19-council-operations-and-activities](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/covid-19-council-operations-and-activities)

### Our offices are open

Yes, we're  
**OPEN**

- We have safety measures in place.
- Eftpos or cheque payment is encouraged but we will accept cash payments. Extra cash handling precautions will be in place. You can also pay us online. For more details, see our website or give us a call.
- Council meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Hauraki House, Paeroa.

### Safely out and about

- **Our parks, reserves and playgrounds** swing back into action at level 2. Have fun, just remember to wash your hands, cough into your elbow and maintain physical distancing while using our parks and playground equipment.
- **Hauraki Rail Trail** is open. Riding groups must be limited to ten or less.
- Most **public toilets** will reopen with increased cleaning. Only a few toilets will remain closed. For the full list go to [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/toilets](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/toilets)
- **Library** books can be returned to our afterhours bins and housebound services will start again. Our library doors will open with reduced hours on Monday 18 May. Hours will be 10am to 1pm on weekdays and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday. Online, and click and collect options will also be available.
- **Cemetery** services are still available, however, only gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed for the first two weeks of Level 2.
- **Dogs and noisy neighbours** - our animal and noise control services are back to normal.

### Nail that project

- **Building inspections** and site visits will continue in Level 2.
- **Building and resource consents** continue to be processed. To arrange a meeting with a planner or building inspector, please phone us first to arrange a time.
- **Standard and Urgent LIMS** are available in Level 2.

Check out what life looks like at Level 2 at [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Kerbside collections back to normal, but with a change in plastic recycling

From 18 May full kerbside collections will start again, but with a change in plastic recycling.

### Here's what you need to know

- Yellow Council rubbish bags to be collected weekly. Do not put your bag in the wheelie bin.
- Recycling will be collected fortnightly. Put clean recyclable items in wheelie bins, like tin, paper and cardboard. **From 18 May we'll only be taking plastics graded 1 and 2 in wheelie bins and at our Refuse Transfer Stations.**
- Glass in crates will be collected at the same time as your wheelie bin.
- **Until 15 June all recycling except glass will be going to landfill** until the recycling sorting centre at Kopu gets back up and running. This includes all recycling left at our Refuse Transfer Stations.
- Collection dates are on our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/collection-calendar](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/collection-calendar)

### Paeroa and Waihi Refuse Transfer Stations

Paeroa is open, with some Covid-19 safety measures in place. Scrap metal and green waste can be accepted. Eftpos only.

Waihi is closed while some major upgrades, including re-concreting surfaces and improvements to the scrap metal area, are completed. A skip bin for council bagged rubbish and recycling, as well as a glass bottle bank are available every Thursday from 12.30-4pm. Thanks for your patience while we improve this facility.

All recycling left at our Refuse Transfer Stations except glass will be going to landfill until the recycling sorting centre at Kopu gets back up and running.

### Collecting only plastics 1 and 2 is a temporary solution to a global problem

At its meeting on 13 May the Council reluctantly decided to stop the collection of plastics 3 to 7. In January 2018 China stopped recycling plastics from other countries. At the time they were processing about half the plastic waste in the world. We kept collecting and stockpiling them in the hope another market would be found, but no feasible market for plastics 3 to 7 has been found and the stockpiles will now go to landfill.

### Did you know

"We collect a lot more milk bottles and other 1 and 2 type plastics than anything else, so most plastic will still be recycled."

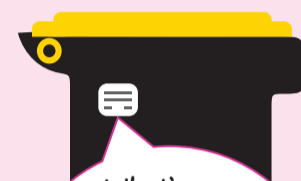
### What can you do to help?

Now's the time to rethink how you shop – consciously choosing product containers that are plastics 1 and 2, will drive down the demand for plastics 3 to 7 in time. We'll be doing our best to make these changes and it will be great to have your support.

From early June we'll start checking wheelie bins to see how things are going, and will remind you of the change.

From 15 June, we'll stop emptying wheelie bins that contain plastics other than types 1 and 2.

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### What's my recycling week?

The sticker on the side of your bin will show the number 1 or 2 next to your collection day.

For example, Wed1 means collection day is Wednesday on Week 1

### Recycling plastics

Plastics 1 and 2 include things like milk and soft drink bottles.

Look on the bottom of the plastic bottle. If there's a triangular recycle symbol with the 1 or 2 inside it you can rinse it out and put it in your wheelie bin for collection.

Discard the bottle lid in your rubbish bag. Any plastic that doesn't have a 1 or 2 on it should go in the rubbish.

If you continue to include plastics 3 to 7 in your wheelie bin it will contaminate the whole load, and everything will have to go to landfill, including the good stuff - plastics 1 and 2.

Only recycle 1's and 2's from 18 May.

"We're not giving up on this problem, we support WasteMINZ who are lobbying the government to ban the use of plastics 3 to 7, and we're actively looking for alternative solutions."

Mayor Toby Adams