

Waste Management Facility Operation during stay-at-home orders

The NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has advised the Council that its waste management facilities may remain open to provide critical waste services.

However, the EPA has also advised that no member of the public should be visiting a recycling or waste management facility, as it is not one of the essential reasons for leaving your home.

Advice from the EPA states:

“For people living in regional NSW who don’t have a council waste collection and take their own household waste to landfill, you must store this waste safely at home in a durable bag/container and not visit your waste depot until the restrictions are lifted.”

Council understands that this is not feasible for some in our community and therefore will maintain public access to Councils waste management facilities, under strict conditions.

Residents need to be aware that the onus is on them to be able to satisfy NSW Police and other authorities that their visit to the waste management facility is essential.

Mayor, Cr. Matthew Hannan asks all residents to be patient and understanding during this period.

“We know this is not ideal and that there will be some unavoidable delays. Your patience and understanding towards our staff and each other during this period will help things go smoothly.

It is important that those who have an essential need can access the facility promptly so we are asking you to consider if your visit is truly essential before visiting.

When at the facility, we need you to follow instructions from our team, unload quickly and then return home. I must stress, this is not an opportunity for a social outing.

We are constantly reviewing the stay-at-home orders and will keep you informed if things change. We all hope to be able to return to normal operations as soon as we can.”

Special Conditions of entry:

In accordance with the Public Health orders,

1. The number of occupants per vehicle should be no more than needed to unload the waste and recyclables.
2. Each occupant of the vehicle is to sign in upon entry into the facility for contact tracing purposes.
3. Residents are to remain in their vehicles at all times except when actively unloading waste
4. Face masks must be worn at all times - unless a valid exemption is in place.