

# Official Rubbish Bags

Official Council bags will cost \$3.70 each from Council service centres from 1 July 2023. (Note that supermarket prices for official bags may vary slightly from this figure.)

We'd like to take the opportunity to remind you that this charge isn't just for the manufacturing and supply costs of the bag itself, but includes the Council's refuse collection and disposal costs as well. The picture shows how the costs are broken down.

Incorporating these costs with the bag charge makes the bags user pays and is meant to encourage waste diversion – reducing the amount of rubbish that goes to the landfill.

This year's increase in the bag charge has allowed us to set the targeted kerbside collection rate (for properties that are provided both refuse and recycling collections) at \$113.00 for the next year.

If there had been no increase in the price of rubbish bags, a larger rates increase would have been necessary.

All of the refuse disposal and collection contract costs are recovered through bag sales.

The \$113.00 annual rate for kerbside collection pays for the Council recycling collection service and the operational and administration costs associated with the collection contracts.

Refuse disposal charges are now \$355.50/tonne (landfill charges, transportation costs and CPI costs for transfer station operations). This includes a government landfill levy of \$50.00/tonne (plus GST).



**GST**

**Bag manufacturer, delivery, handing.**

**Collection contract and portion of Council administration.**

**Includes landfill levy of \$50/tonne (excl GST)**

If the collection and disposal costs were not included in the bag charge, the rate would have to be increased to around \$148.00 per annum. Every property would be charged the same amount in the rates whether or not the property is rated for a rubbish bin and regardless of how many bags of rubbish residents put out each collection day.

We are happy to answer any questions residents have about our refuse bag prices or other aspects of the recycling/rubbish collection.

*Note: Official rubbish bags are sold at Council Service Centres and at most supermarkets in the District.*

Find out more at [waimakariri.govt.nz](http://waimakariri.govt.nz), or contact Customer Services on 0800 965 468.