

# *Waste Local Law*

Effective 21 June 2017

Adopted 26 April 2017

NOTE: Since the adoption of the Waste Local Law 2016 the City has commenced an undertaking to make an amendment for the inclusion of an “Objection and appeal rights clause”. More information can be found on [Your Voice](#)



**Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007  
Local Government Act 1995**

**City of Nedlands**

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Under the powers conferred on it by the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other enabling powers, the Council of the City of Nedlands resolved on 26 April 2017 to make the following local law.

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## Part 1 - Preliminary

### 1.1 Short title

This is the *City of Nedlands Waste Local Law 2016*.

### 1.2 Purpose and Effect

The **PURPOSE** of the local law is to provide for the regulation, control and management of activities and issues relating to waste collection, recycling, reuse and disposal within the district of the City of Nedlands.

The **EFFECT** of the local law is to control activities and manage influences on waste collection, recycling, reuse and disposal within the district of the City of Nedlands.

### 1.3 Commencement

This local law commences 14 days after the day on which it is published in the Government Gazette.

### 1.4 Application

This local law applies throughout the district.

### 1.5 Repeal

This local law repeals Clause 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47 of the City of Nedlands Health Local Laws 1997, as published in the Government Gazette on 9 February 1998.

### 1.6 Meaning of terms used in this local law

(1) In this local law—

**authorised person** means a person appointed by the local government under section 9.10 of the LG Act to perform any of the functions of an authorised person under this local law;

collectable waste means local government waste that is not—

- (a) liquid refuse;
- (b) liquid waste; or
- (c) non-collectable waste;

**collectable waste receptacle** means a receptacle for the deposit and collection of collectable waste that is—

- (a) a recycling waste receptacle;
- (b) a general waste receptacle; or
- (c) an organic waste receptacle;

**collection**, when used in relation to a receptacle, means the collection and removal of collectable waste from the receptacle by the local government or its contractor;

**collection day** means the day determined by the local government for the collection of collectable waste in the district or a part of the district;

**collection time** means the time on the collection day determined by the local government for the collection of collectable waste in the district or a part of the district;

**costs** of the local government include administrative costs;

**Council** means the council of the local government;

**district** means the district of the local government;

**general waste receptacle** means a receptacle for the deposit and collection of collectable waste that is not recycling waste;

**LG Act** means the Local Government Act 1995;

**LG Regulations** means the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996;

**local government** means City of Nedlands;

**local government waste** has the same meaning as in the WARR Act;

**non-collectable waste** has the meaning set out in Schedule 1;  
occupier in relation to premises, means any or all of the following—

- (a) a person by whom or on whose behalf the premises are actually occupied; or
- (b) a person having the management or control of the premises;

**organic waste** means waste that decomposes readily, such as garden waste or food waste;

**organic waste receptacle** means a receptacle for the deposit and collection of organic waste;

**owner** has the same meaning as in the LG Act;

**public place** includes a place to which the public ordinarily have access, whether or not by payment of a fee;

**receptacle**, means a receptacle—

- (a) that has been supplied for the use of the premises by the local government or its contractor, or which has otherwise been approved by the local government; and
- (b) the waste from which is collected and removed from the premises by the local government or its contractor;

**recycling waste receptacle** means a receptacle for the deposit and collection of recycling waste;

**recycling waste** means—

- (a) paper and cardboard;
- (b) plastic containers comprised of polyethylene terephthalate or high density polyethylene;
- (c) glass containers;
- (d) steel containers;
- (e) aluminium containers;
- (f) liquid paper board; and
- (g) any other waste determined by the local government to be recycling waste;

**schedule** means a schedule to this local law;

**specified** means specified by the local government or an authorised person, as the case may be;

**street alignment** means the boundary between the land comprising a street and the land that abuts the street;

**vehicle** has the meaning given to it by the Road Traffic Act;

**WARR Act** means the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007;

**waste** has the same meaning as in the WARR Act;

**waste service** has the same meaning as in the WARR Act.

- (2) Where, in this local law, a duty or liability is imposed on an owner or occupier, or on an owner and occupier, the duty or liability is taken to be imposed jointly and severally on each of the owners or occupiers.

## 1.7 Local public notice of determinations

Where, under this local law, the local government has a power to determine a matter –

- (a) local public notice, under section 1.7 of the LG Act, must be given of the matter determined;
- (b) the determination becomes effective only after local public notice has been given;
- (c) the determination remains in force for the period of one year after the date that local public notice has been given under paragraph (a);
- (d) after the period referred to in paragraph (c), the determination continues in force only if, and for so long as, it is the subject of local public notice, given annually, under section 1.7 of the LG Act; and
- (e) the determination must be recorded in a publicly accessible register of determinations that must be maintained by the local government.

## 1.8 Rates, fees and charges

The local government's powers to impose rates, fees and charges in relation to waste services are set out in sections 66 to 68 of the WARR Act and section 6.16 and 6.17 of the LG Act.

## 1.9 Power to provide waste services

The local government's power to provide, or enter into a contract for the provision of, waste services is dealt with in section 50 of the WARR Act.

## Part 2 - Local government waste

### 2.1 Supply of receptacles

- (1) The local government is to supply, for the use of each premises that are, or are capable of being, occupied or used for residential

purposes, one or more receptacles for the collection and removal, from those premises, of collectable waste.

- (2) The owner of premises to which subclause (1) applies must—
  - (a) ensure that the fee or charge (if any) imposed by the local government in relation to each receptacle is paid to the local government; and
  - (b) ensure that each receptacle is used, in respect of those premises, in accordance with this local law.

## 2.2 Deposit of waste in receptacles

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in a receptacle any non-collectable waste.
- (2) A person must not deposit waste in a receptacle that has been provided for the use of other premises without the consent of the owner or occupier of those premises.

## 2.3 General waste receptacles

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in a general waste receptacle—
  - (a) where the receptacle has a capacity of 240 litres—more than 70 kilograms of collectable waste; or
  - (b) where the receptacle has a capacity of 120 litres—more than 35 kilograms of collectable waste; or
  - (c) where the receptacle has any other capacity—more than the weight determined by the local government.
- (2) Where the local government supplies recycling waste receptacles, an owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in a general waste receptacle any recycling waste.
- (3) Where the local government supplies organic waste receptacles for any particular type of organic waste, an owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in a general waste receptacle any organic waste of that particular type.

## 2.4 Recycling waste receptacles

An owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in a recycling waste receptacle—

- (a) anything other than the particular type of recycling waste for which that receptacle was provided by the local government for those premises;

- (b) where the receptacle has a capacity of 240 litres— more than 70 kilograms of recycling waste; or
- (c) where the receptacle has any other capacity—more than the weight determined by the local government.

## 2.5 Organic waste receptacles

An owner or occupier of premises must not deposit or permit to be deposited in an organic waste receptacle—

- (a) anything other than the particular type of organic waste for which that receptacle was provided by the local government for those premises;
- (b) where the receptacle has a capacity of 240 litres - more than 70 kilograms of organic waste; or
- (c) where the receptacle has any other capacity - more than the weight determined by the local government.

## 2.6 Direction to place or remove a receptacle

- (1) The local government or an authorised person may give a written direction to an owner or occupier of specified premises —
  - (a) to place a receptacle in respect of those premises for collection; or
  - (b) to remove a receptacle in respect of those premises after collection.
- (2) The direction under subclause (1) may specify when the placement or removal is to occur, or where the receptacle is to be placed, or both.
- (3) An owner or occupier of premises must comply with a direction given under this clause.

## 2.7 Duties of owner or occupier

An owner or occupier of premises must—

- (a) except for a reasonable period before and after collection time, keep each receptacle in a storage space or area that is behind the street alignment and screened from public view unless behind the building line;
- (b) take reasonable steps, if placing a receptacle for collection on the verge adjoining the premises, or other area as determined by the local government, ensure that, within a

reasonable period before collection time, each receptacle is—

- (i) within 1 metre of the carriageway;
- (ii) so that it does not unduly obstruct any footpath, cycle way, right-of-way or carriageway; and
- (iii) facing squarely to the edge of and opening towards the carriageway,

or in such other position as is approved in writing by the local government or an authorised person;

- (c) take reasonable steps to ensure that the premises are provided with an adequate number of receptacles;
- (d) if the receptacle is lost, stolen, damaged or defective, notify the local government, as soon as practicable, after the event; and
- (e) take reasonable steps to ensure the lid of the receptacle is kept closed except when depositing waste or cleaning the receptacle.

## 2.8 Exemption

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises may apply in writing to the local government for an exemption from compliance with the requirements of clause 2.7(a) or (b).
- (2) The local government or an authorised person may grant, with or without conditions, or refuse an application for exemption from compliance under this clause.
- (3) An exemption granted under this clause must state—
  - (a) the premises to which the exemption applies;
  - (b) the period during which the exemption applies; and
  - (c) any conditions imposed by the local government or the authorised person.
- (4) An exemption granted under this clause ceases to apply –
  - (a) if the local government decides, on reasonable grounds, that there has been a failure to comply with a condition of the exemption; and
  - (b) from the date that the local government informs the owner or occupier of its decision under clause 2.8(4)(a).

## 2.9 Damaging or removing receptacles

A person, other than the local government or its contractor, must not—

- (a) damage, destroy or interfere with a receptacle; or
- (b) except as permitted by this local law or as authorised by the local government or an authorised person, remove a receptacle from any premises to which it was delivered by the local government or its contractor.

## 2.10 Verge collections

- (1) Where the local government has advertised a verge waste collection (such as a greenwaste, or a bulk waste, verge collection) a person, unless with and in accordance with the approval of the local government or an authorised person—
  - (a) must deposit waste only during the period of time, and in accordance with other terms and conditions, as advertised by the local government in relation to that verge waste collection; and
  - (b) must otherwise comply with those terms and conditions.
- (2) Where waste has been deposited on a verge for a verge waste collection, a person must not remove any of that waste for a commercial purpose but may remove it for any other purpose.
- (3) Except where waste is lawfully removed from a verge under Clause 2.10(2), a person must not disassemble or tamper with any waste deposited on a verge for a verge waste collection so as to increase the risk of harm to any person.
- (4) Clause 2.10(2) does not apply to the local government or a person engaged or contracted by the local government in relation to the verge waste collection.

## Part 3 - General duties

### 3.1 Duties of an owner or occupier

An owner or occupier of premises must—

- (a) take reasonable steps to ensure that a sufficient number of receptacles are provided to contain all waste which accumulates or may accumulate in or from the premises;
- (b) ensure that each receptacle is kept in good condition and repair;

- (c) take all reasonable steps to—
  - (i) prevent fly breeding and keep each receptacle free of flies, maggots, cockroaches, rodents and other vectors of disease;
  - (ii) prevent the emission of offensive or noxious odours from each receptacle; and
  - (iii) ensure that each receptacle does not cause a nuisance to an occupier of adjoining premises; and
- (d) whenever directed to do so by the local government or an authorised person, thoroughly clean, disinfect, deodorise and apply a residual insecticide to each receptacle.

### **3.2 Removal of waste from premises**

- (1) A person must not remove any waste from premises unless that person is—
  - (a) the owner or occupier of the premises;
  - (b) authorised to do so by the owner or occupier of the premises; or
  - (c) authorised in writing to do so by the local government or an authorised person.
- (2) A person must not remove any waste from a receptacle without the approval of –
  - (a) the local government or an authorised person; or
  - (b) the owner or occupier of the premises at which the receptacle is ordinarily kept.

### **3.3 Receptacles and containers for public use**

A person must not, without the approval of the local government or an authorised person—

- (a) deposit household, commercial or other waste from any premises on or into; or
- (b) remove any waste from,

a receptacle provided for the use of the general public in a public place.

## Part 4 - Enforcement

### 4.1 Offences and general penalty

- (1) A person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law a person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to a further penalty not exceeding \$500 in respect of each day or part of a day during which the offence has continued.

### 4.2 Other costs and expenses

- (1) A person who is convicted of an offence under this local law is to be liable, in addition to any penalty imposed under clause 4.1, to pay to the local government the costs and expenses incurred by the local government in taking remedial action such as—
  - (a) removing and lawfully disposing of toxic, hazardous or poisonous waste; or
  - (b) making good any damage caused to a collectable waste receptacle.
- (2) The costs and expenses incurred by the local government are to be recoverable, as a debt due to the local government, in a court of competent civil jurisdiction.

### 4.3 Prescribed offences

- (1) An offence against a clause specified in Schedule 2 is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the LG Act.
- (2) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is that specified adjacent to the clause in Schedule 2.

### 4.4 Form of notices

- (1) Where a vehicle is involved in the commission of an offence, the form of the notice referred to in section 9.13 of the LG Act is that of Form 1 in Schedule 1 of the LG Regulations;
- (2) The form of the infringement notice given under section 9.16 of the LG Act is that of Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the LG Regulations; and
- (3) The form of the infringement withdrawal notice given under section 9.20 of the LG Act is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the LG Regulations.

**Schedule 1 - Meaning of 'non-collectable waste'**

[cl.1.6]

**non-collectable waste** means –

- (a) hot or burning material;
- (b) household hazardous waste, including paint, acids, alkalis, fire extinguishers, solvents, pesticides, oils, gas cylinders, batteries, chemicals and heavy metals;
- (c) any other hazardous material, such as radioactive waste;
- (d) any explosive material, such as flares or ammunition;
- (e) electrical and electronic equipment;
- (f) hospital, medical, veterinary, laboratory or pathological substances;
- (g) construction or demolition waste;
- (h) sewage;
- (i) 'controlled waste' for the purposes of the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004;
- (j) any object that is greater in length, width, or breadth than the corresponding dimension of the receptacle or that will not allow the lid of the receptacle to be tightly closed;
- (k) waste that is or is likely to become offensive or a nuisance, or give off an offensive or noxious odour, or to attract flies or cause fly breeding unless it is first wrapped in non-absorbent or impervious material or placed in a sealed impervious and leak-proof container; and
- (l) any other waste determined by the local government to be non-collectable waste.

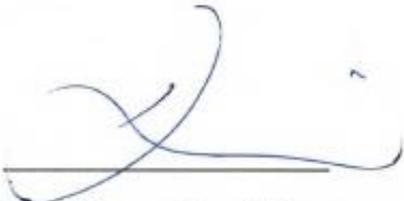
## Schedule 2 - Prescribed offences

[cl.4.3]

Item No.	Clause No.	Description	Modified Penalty
1	2.1(2)(a)	Failing to pay fee or charge	\$350
2	2.1(2)(b)	Failing to ensure lawful use of receptacle	\$350
3	2.2(1)	Depositing non-collectable waste in a receptacle	\$350
4	2.2(2)	Depositing waste in another receptacle without consent	\$350
5	2.3(1)	Exceeding weight capacity of a general waste receptacle	\$350
6	2.3(2) and (3)	Depositing unauthorised waste in a general waste receptacle	\$350
7	2.4(a)	Depositing unauthorised waste in a recycling waste receptacle	\$350
8	2.4(b) and (c)	Exceeding weight capacity of a recycling waste receptacle	\$250
9	2.5(a)	Depositing unauthorised waste in an organic waste receptacle	\$350
10	2.5(b) and (c)	Exceeding weight capacity of an organic waste receptacle	\$350
11	2.6(3)	Failing to comply with a direction concerning placement or removal of a receptacle	\$250
12	2.7(a)	Failing to keep a receptacle in the required location	\$250
13	2.7(b)	Failing to place a receptacle for collection in a lawful position	\$250
14	2.7(c)	Failing to provide a sufficient number of receptacles	\$250
15	2.7(d)	Failing to notify of a lost, stolen, damaged or defective receptacle	\$50
16	2.7(e)	Failing to keep the lid of a receptacle closed except when depositing waste or cleaning the receptacle	\$250
17	2.9(a)	Damaging, destroying or interfering with a receptacle	\$400
18	2.9(b)	Removing a receptacle from premises	\$400
19	2.10(1)	Failing to comply with a term or condition of verge waste collection	\$400
20	2.10(2)	Removing waste for commercial purposes	\$350
21	2.10(3)	Disassembling or tampering with waste deposited for collection	\$250
22	3.1(a)	Failing to provide a sufficient number of receptacles	\$250

Item No.	Clause No.	Description	Modified Penalty
23	3.1(b)	Failing to keep a receptacle clean and in a good condition and repair	\$250
24	3.1(b)(i)	Failing to prevent fly breeding and vectors of disease in a receptacle	\$350
25	3.1(b)(ii)	Failing to prevent the emission of offensive odours from a receptacle	\$350
26	3.1(b)(iii)	Allowing a receptacle to cause a nuisance	\$350
27	3.1 (d)	Failing to comply with a direction to clean, disinfect or deodorise receptacle	\$300
28	3.2(1)	Unauthorised removal of waste from premises	\$250
29	3.2(2)	Removing waste from a receptacle without approval	\$250

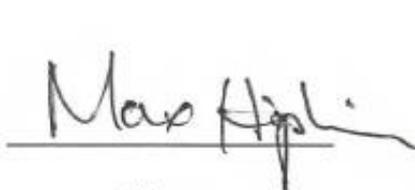
Consented to—



**Chief Executive Officer**  
Department of Environment Regulation

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

The Common Seal of the City of Nedlands was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of:



**Mayor**  
MAX HIPKINS



**Chief Executive Officer**  
GREG TREVASKIS

