

# Reducing our waste

Changing our service

## Nappies

We will be introducing a 4-bin waste service. Find out what the changes could mean for your garbage collection and what options are available for managing disposable nappies.

### Our bins will be changing

The Victorian Government announced that all councils must move to a 4-bin service. From late 2022, we will be making changes that affect the size of your bins and how often we collect them. The changes will also affect how we collect your hard waste and how we charge for the service.

We are proposing changes based on feedback from the Moreland community. The proposed changes would also save the most food waste from landfill and offers the best long-term cost benefits.

The proposed standard service would introduce:



The proposed service includes a larger 120 litre garbage bin and a larger 240 litre recycling bin as the standard size. This will help support the move to fortnightly garbage and recycling collections.

## Additional options available for households with children in nappies

Through community consultation, we heard that fortnightly garbage collections may not suit some households with young children in disposable nappies. That's why we have included options for these households to increase the size of their bin or retain a weekly garbage collection for a fee to help manage household waste.

### A new concession for households with young children in nappies

We are proposing a new concession for households that have 2 or more children under 4 years of age in daytime nappies. Eligible households would be able to get a larger garbage bin at no extra cost.

Ratepayers will be able to apply for the waste charge concession and terms and conditions will apply.

### Larger garbage bins

Households not eligible for a concession may choose to pay for a larger garbage bin (up to a maximum capacity of 360 litres) to help manage disposable nappy waste.

### Weekly garbage collections

Households may also choose to pay for a weekly garbage collection if they would like more frequent collections. An annual fee would apply on top of the standard waste charge.

## Disposable nappies go in the garbage bin

Residents should continue to bag or firmly wrap disposable nappies and place in the garbage bin, even if they are labelled compostable or biodegradable.

Solids in nappies should be disposed of into the toilet (where practical) before nappies are bagged and placed in garbage bin.



## Managing nappy smells in the garbage bin

Unfortunately, most bins smell. However, experience at other councils with fortnightly garbage collections have reported no ongoing issues with nappies once the service change was established.

A 'Community Nappy Trial' conducted by Lake Macquarie Council showed that the smell of bins containing nappies at the end of a fortnight was no worse than the smell of regular garbage bins at the end of a week. The trial also showed that odour does not significantly increase with time, nor with the number of nappies in the bin.

Disposing of solids into the toilet before firmly wrapping nappies, keeping your bin lid closed and storing your bin in the shade in between collections, will all help to minimise smells from the garbage bin.

## Reduce cost and environmental impacts with modern cloth nappies

While the convenience of disposable nappies still wins out for many families, reusable modern cloth nappies have come a long way in the past decade.

Whether using them part-time or full-time, the environmental and cost savings of modern cloth nappies can be significant. Using modern cloth nappies can also save space and reduce smell in the garbage bin.

Why not give modern cloth nappies a try and see if they work for you?

For more information on the benefits of using modern cloth nappies, the different options available and how to get started, please read our *Environmentally Friendly Nappies* brochure available from the Moreland website: [moreland.vic.gov.au/reusable-nappies](https://moreland.vic.gov.au/reusable-nappies)

### Reusable Nappy Workshop

You could also register to attend an upcoming Reusable Nappy Workshop. [Book workshop here.](#)

- Wednesday 8 September 2021 (online)
- Saturday 6 November 2021 (in person)