

FACT SHEET



NSW Government Waste Levy

The NSW Government charges all landfills a Waste Levy of \$78.20 per tonne of waste to landfill in 2016-17.

Why do I have to pay a NSW Government Waste Levy?

The Levy is essentially a NSW State Government charge on local government for every tonne of waste disposed of in certain landfills across NSW (including our City's landfill at Blaxland).

The NSW Government Waste Levy has three main objectives:

- reduce waste going to landfill by making disposal of waste to landfill more expensive,
- increase recovery of resources from waste (eg: recycling, etc), and
- raise revenue to support delivery of State Government services.

Where will my NSW Government Waste Levy money go?

100% of this Levy goes directly to the NSW State Government and it determines how the revenue raised through this Levy is spent.

How will I have to pay the NSW Government Waste Levy?

Council collects the NSW Government Waste Levy in two ways;

1. From households: as a portion of the Domestic Waste Management Charge (DWMC) that appears on your Council rates notice.
In 2016-17, your DWMC for the standard service is \$390. Around \$46 of this cost, regardless of bin size, is the NSW Government Waste Levy.
2. From customers at our Resource Recovery and Waste Management Facilities (RRWMFs): through increased gate fees, which include the \$78.20 per tonne NSW Government Waste Levy charge, plus GST.

Does the NSW Government Waste Levy increase every year?

Yes. The NSW Government Waste Levy started in 2009 at \$10 per tonne and was then increased by the State Government by \$10 per tonne each year, plus CPI (Consumer Price Index). It now increases each year by CPI.

Increases in the NSW Government Waste Levy have represented a significant percentage of the annual increase to waste charges in the Blue Mountains since 2009.

How can we reduce the cost of waste to landfill?

The best way to reduce the cost of waste to landfill including the NSW Government Waste Levy is to cut the amount of waste we generate and send to landfill. The new waste service has successfully reduced waste to landfill from our homes, but...

nearly half of the 'waste' in our household garbage bins could be recycled or reused.

Council already provides many services to help reduce waste to landfill including; kerbside recycling and green bin collections, booked waste services for bulky waste and kerbside chipping, RRWMFs (including the Community Recycling Centre at Katoomba), electrical and hazardous waste drop-offs, composting initiatives and waste reduction workshops.

You can help by reducing your own waste to landfill. For handy tips on where to start, refer to our Resource Recovery Guide.

Where can I get more detailed information?

For NSW Government information on the Waste Levy go to:
<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wasteregulation/waste-levy.htm>