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Ruapehu District Council

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EXTENDED OPENING HOURS FOR WAIMARINO TRANSFER STATION FROM 1ST JULY

From Friday 1st July the Waimarino Transfer Station in Ohakune will be open seven days a week from 10.00am to 5.00pm everyday through to Sunday 9th October.

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) Waste Minimisation Coordinator, Annie Petersen, said the new winter hours have been implemented to better cater for the large influx of visitors that the Ohakune area gets over the ski season.

"Over previous ski seasons the influx of visitors has created a number of problems around waste collection and recycling," she said.

"Council is always looking for ways to improve the level of service that we can provide residents and ratepayers along with visitors to the district."

"In the past this has seen council introduce blue bins for recycling and change the pick-up day for rubbish and recycling collection for Ohakune, Rangataua and Raetihi to every Monday from Tuesday."

Mrs Petersen said that both these innovations have been very successful with the blue bins having a significant impact on the volume of material being recycled, and the change of pick-up day in the south reducing the incidence of animals getting into rubbish where weekend visitors leave their rubbish out for collection during the week when they go home on Sunday night.

"Recently we have had eftpos installed which is proving extremely popular as was expected," she said.

"Council hopes that the increase in the level of service at the Waimarino Transfer Station to seven days a week, 10.00am to 5.00pm everyday, will see a lot more winter visitors to Ohakune and surrounding areas using the transfer station."

Mrs Petersen added that the impact of the seven day service council will be closely monitored and council has not ruled out making further amendments to the levels of service if they are required.

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