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Ruapehu District Council

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BLUE KERBSIDE RECYCLING BINS ONLY

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) is having problems with people not using the official blue bin for kerbside recycling and then having to deal with irate residents whose recycling has not been picked-up.

RDC Waste Minimisation Coordinator, Annie Petersen, said that some people cannot understand what the problem is with using a non-official bin for their kerbside recycling.

"The problem is our contractual arrangement with the collection service currently only allows for one blue kerbside bin that allows for a set quantity of recycling per household," she said.

"To date there has only been a limited request from people wanting a second blue recycling bin."

"This however would increase the cost of service which would have to be allowed for in a way that didn't penalise households that do not need a second bin."

Ms Petersen added that before the introduction of a second bin Council would also want to ensure that users are using their first bin properly by rinsing and squashing tins, plastic containers, etc.

"At this stage if people have more recycling than will fit in a single official blue recycling container they need to take it to their local Transfer Station where it can be recycled for free."

"People should also remember that paper and cardboard can be put out beside the recycling bin leaving space in the blue bin for squashed plastic containers, tins and bottles."

Ms Petersen said that the use of non-official bins for kerbside recycling occurred in all townships but the biggest problem was in townships with a lot of holiday homes and with people from out-of-District.

"If your kerbside recycling or rubbish is not picked-up for any reason it will be stickered with the reason for non-collection marked or written on the sticker."

“Replacement blue recycling bins can be purchased from the Council office in Taumarunui and Transfer Stations in Taumarunui and Ohakune for \$12.00.”

DAVID HAMMOND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Waste Minimisation Coordinator; Annie Petersen, displays the official Ruapehu District Council blue kerbside recycling bin. This is the only bin that the kerbside collection contractor will empty.

