

Utility Charges on Rates

Waste Collection (Wheelie Bin)

All domestic Ratepayers in the defined Waste Area pay the same annual kerbside collection charge per bin. This charge is for your kerbside wheelie bin pick-up. The Waste Area is defined as the area in which Council or Council's contractors provide a mobile waste collection service.

Facilities Charge

This annual charge is collected to provide funds for the cost of operating and managing the transfer stations and landfills throughout the Shire.

Queensland State Waste Levy

State Waste Levy

This waste levy is charged by the State Government on all waste destined for landfill within the Shire to fund waste minimisation and recycling initiatives.

The Mareeba and Kuranda Waste Transfer Station has a weighbridge to determine the levy amount. However, deemed weights in accordance with the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* are used at all other waste transfer stations to determine the tonnage.

Domestic waste is currently not charged the Queensland State Waste Levy as Council receives an Annual Advance Payment from the State Government to minimise the impact to households.

Recycling

Mareeba Shire Council offers recycling facilities at all waste transfer stations. Kuranda also provides a recycling hub at the community precinct on Arara Street, which includes a Containers for Change refund point.

Other Container for Change refund points are located near Mareeba Heritage Center and on Raeleigh St, Dimbulah

Mareeba Shire collects the following for recycling agents:

- ✓ Domestic tins, cans, bottles, HDPE 1 to 5 (plastics)
- ✓ Commercial recycling
- ✓ Tyre's
- ✓ Oils
- ✓ Used Lead Acid Batteries
- ✓ Lithium Battery
- ✓ Green Waste
- ✓ Mattresses
- ✓ Household Batteries
- ✓ Timber Pallets

What can be recycled differs between Council areas so it is a good idea to check ahead as inappropriate items can result in the whole load being rejected at the Cairns Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Mareeba Shire Council does not offer a kerbside recycling service.

Waste Transfer Station Fees and Charges

Waste That Does Not Attract a Charge

There are some waste types that may be disposed of at Transfer Stations for free. This includes:

- ✓ Vehicles with no fluids or tyres
- ✓ All scrap metal
- ✓ White goods that have been degassed
- ✓ E-waste
- ✓ Domestic recycling
- ✓ Car batteries/Household batteries
- ✓ drumMUSTER
- ✓ Gas bottles that have been degassed

Domestic Waste (e.g. household rubbish from your home)

Residents are charged for waste disposal at all transfer stations.

Domestic Green Waste (e.g. household green waste from your home)

Domestic green waste is charged per load, based on a Ute/Van/Trailer or Ute & Trailer and Light Commercial.

Charges also apply for Special Management Waste, Commercial & Industrial and Construction & Demolition waste.

Special Management Waste

Waste types that require extra management or wastes that have an additional cost incurred by Council to manage them such as mattresses, tyres, gas bottles and white goods that still have gas in them, will attract a charge.

Commercial and Industrial Waste (e.g. business waste)

Any waste generated from an activity that is conducted for fee/payment/reward or by a community organisation will be charged at the commercial and industrial waste rates. Please note that only Mareeba and Kuranda Waste Transfer Stations have a weighbridge. Deemed weights in accordance with the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* will be used to determine tonnage.

Construction and Demolition Waste

Construction and Demolition waste incurs a fee whether its source is domestic or commercial. It includes mixed waste such as scrap gyprock, rubble, containers, plastics, concrete etc.

Commercial, Industrial, Construction and Demolition wastes also attract the Queensland State Waste Levy in addition to Council charges.

Sorting Fee

Sort your load prior to coming to the Waste Transfer Station as a charge will apply if inappropriate waste types are mixed together.

Weighbridge Charge

There is a minimum charge for the use of the weighbridge for commercial waste and domestic waste.

Waste Generated Outside the Shire

Domestic waste from residents from outside Mareeba Shire will be charged at Commercial rates. You may be asked for proof of residency at the Waste Transfer Stations. A valid driver's license with a Mareeba Shire address will suffice.

Wastes Not Accepted

There are some waste types that will not be accepted at any waste transfer station sites. These wastes include but is not limited to regulated waste, hazardous waste, contaminated soil, wet paint, caravans, agricultural plastic fuming and asbestos.

Vehicles greater than 4.5t with waste will be redirected to a landfill.

How to Pay

There are three ways to make payment for waste services either via cash, eftpos and by establishing a billing account with Council.

Non-Payment

Please note that depositing waste without paying the set fees and charges and the Queensland State Levy, if applicable, may lead to customers being refused services at Council's waste facilities.

Report littering or illegal dumping



[Report littering or illegal dumping](#)

Mulch

A limited quantity of mulch is kept at the Mareeba, Kuranda and Julatten Waste Transfer Stations for sale to the public.

Safety Message

Help us to help you stay safe. For your safety, please follow any instruction from Council staff or contractors whilst onsite. Council has a zero tolerance for abuse and aggression shown towards its staff, volunteers, and contractors. If a Council employee, volunteer, or contractor encounters any form of violent, threatening or aggressive behaviour Council will report this behaviour to the police for action.

OUR VISION

Waste management for the community that enhances liveability and protects the environment.

OUR MISSION

To provide cost effective waste services to the community through collaborative relationships and accountable governance.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Financial Sustainability

Community Service

Beneficial Infrastructure

Environmentally Sustainable Development

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Mareeba Shire Council Waste Transfer Stations

Waste Transfer Stations are conveniently located for disposal of your waste:

Mareeba Transfer Station
38 Vaughan Street, Mareeba

Kuranda Transfer Station
2186 Kennedy Highway, Koah

Almaden Transfer Station
Main Street, Almaden

Chillagoe Landfill and Transfer Station
35 Smelter Road, Chillagoe

Dimbulah Transfer Station
105 Raleigh Street, Dimbulah

Mutchilba Transfer Station
3834 Mareeba-Dimbulah Road, Mutchillba

Mt Molloy Transfer Station
97 Bakers Road, Mt Molloy

Mt Carbine Transfer Station
Mount Carbine Cemetry Access Road, Mt Carbine

Julatten Transfer Station
1027 Euluma Road, Julatten

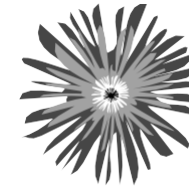
Irvinebank Transfer Station
2415 Herberton-Petford Road, Irvinebank

For operating hours please visit: https://msc.qld.gov.au/council/water-and-waste/transfer_stations_landfills/



Mareeba
SHIRE COUNCIL

1300 308 461
www.msc.qld.gov.au
Info@msc.qld.gov.au



Mareeba
SHIRE COUNCIL

Important Waste Information

2025/2026