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## Recycling at record levels

Selwyn households are creating less rubbish.

Each Selwyn household now creates around 108 kilograms less rubbish per year than six years ago. The change is a result of people using their recycling and organics wheelie bins more and their rubbish wheelie bins less. In 2007 only 26% of the waste that was collected was recyclables and organic. In the year to June 2013, 44% of waste was recycled or composted. In the month of October 2013, for the first time, more than 50% of the waste collected was recyclables and organics.

“Selwyn residents are thinking about our environment and are very active recyclers which is something people should feel proud of,” says Gavin Sole, Selwyn District Council’s Solid Waste Manager.

Changing the type of bins you use can save you money. “A household with a small red rubbish wheelie bin and a yellow recycling or organics wheelie bin, or both, will spend less than a family with only one large red rubbish wheelie bin,” says Mr Sole. “Using Council rubbish bags is even cheaper.”

Mr Sole says that sending less rubbish to the Regional Landfill at Kate Valley is good for the environment and also reduces the amount it costs for the waste to be disposed of. “If we were still creating the same amount of rubbish we were in 2007, we would need to pay an extra \$314,000 per year in waste charges.”

To switch bins phone the Council on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

### **Rubbish and Recycling options:**

#### Rubbish (collected weekly)

- A red 240 litre rubbish wheelie bin costs \$383 per year
- A red 80 litre rubbish wheelie bin costs \$117 per year
- A 60 litre Council rubbish bag costs \$1.70 per bag

#### Recycling (collected fortnightly)

- A 240 litre yellow wheelie bin costs \$61 per year
- A 140 litre yellow wheelie bin costs \$61 per year
- 2 60 litre crates cost \$60 per year

Organics (collected weekly)

- 240 litre green wheelie bin, \$204 per year

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