

# Whitsunday Regional Council

## **UTILITY CHARGES**

Funding requirements for garbage collection, recycling and disposal and the several water and sewerage activities are achieved from specific purpose charges.

### **Domestic Garbage/Refuse Charge**

The Garbage and Refuse Charges are levied on a bi-annual basis each financial year and are levied on all residential premises where Council's agent is prepared to provide a refuse collection service. A minimum of one charge (equivalent to one 240 litre wheelie bin) will be made and levied on each separate occupancy to cover the costs for collection, removal, and disposal of garbage refuse from designated properties. Council does not offer a concession on the garbage service charges for premises within the serviced areas, for periods in which the premises are unoccupied.

The Domestic Garbage/Refuse Collection charge will apply for the 2015/16 year to the area identified on the declared serviced area map "**Whitsunday Regional - Garbage Collection Areas 2015/16**". The Whitsunday garbage collection areas will be delineated by area maps which will be available for inspection at the Council office during business hours or on Council's web site.

Across the region a single charge will allow for the removal of one (1) 240 litre wheelie bin of refuse per week or the equivalent volume by shared skip where Council has approved this type of facility. For multiple accommodation premises of any type, charges will apply as follows: one (1) charge per flat or unit, and one (1) charge per three (3) bed and breakfast rooms or part thereof.

Motel accommodation, workers accommodation, boarding houses and backpacker accommodation are identified as commercial use for the purpose of refuse disposal, and a residential garbage collection is not available to these premises.

The utility charge is intended to cover the full cost of collection and disposal of refuse, as well as for the operation, maintenance and upkeep of the waste management facilities and a portion of the charges shall be associated with capital works in the refuse disposal area and the future cost of restoration of the refuse disposal area.

The owner of premises has the right to request additional waste management services which will be supplied at the appropriate charge depending on whether the request is for a regular or once-off service. Where a service is provided for only part of the year, the Domestic garbage/Refuse Charge will be levied on a pro-rata time basis. New premises will be supplied a 240 litre wheelie bin at no cost when construction is complete.

**Charge per service per property    \$226.00 per annum**