



**TEMPORARY CANCELLATION OF THE DOMESTIC  
REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE  
POLICY**

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**1.1 Objective:**

To specify the eligibility criteria that must be met to enable a ratepayer to suspend their rated waste services charges.

**1.2 Regulatory Authority:**

This policy is consistent with the following legislation:

- *Public Health Act 2005*, Chapter 2, Part 1 - Local Government responsibility for managing public health risks associated with waste.
- *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, Chapter 5A – Waste Management by Local Governments.

**1.3 Policy Statement:**

Council will allow the temporary cancellation of the domestic refuse and recycling collection service for unoccupied properties provided the cancellation is for a minimum period of six (6) months and that the service recommence after six (6) months unless a further application is received from the ratepayer; and that the adjustment apply as a credit to the rates account.

**1.4 Scope:**

The core matter addressed by the policy is to provide the ability for ratepayers to suspend their rated waste services charges when a property is unoccupied for a minimum period of six (6) months.

**1.5 Roles and responsibilities:**

The key stakeholders of this policy are the ratepayers of City of Ipswich.

**1.6 Definitions:**

As defined in the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* and *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011*:

**domestic premises** means any of the following types of premises—

- (a) a single unit private dwelling;
- (b) premises containing 2 or more separate flats, apartments or other dwelling units;
- (c) a boarding house, hostel, lodging house or guest house.

**domestic waste** means waste, other than domestic clean-up waste, green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of domestic premises.

**green waste** means grass cuttings, trees, bushes, shrubs, loppings of trees, bushes or shrubs, or similar matter produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of premises.

**recyclable waste** means clean and inoffensive waste that is declared by the local government to be recyclable waste for the area.

**1.7 Policy Author:** Works, Parks and Recreation Department

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