

# Queensland Government Waste Levy Starts 1 July 2019

## What does this mean?

The Queensland State Government requires from July 1, 2019 that landfill operators charge a levy on waste going to landfill. Cassowary Coast Regional Council operates two landfills in the region.

Queensland is a major underperformer in recycling and resource recovery with more than half of our waste ending up in landfill. Around 10.9 million tonnes of waste was produced in 2017-18 in Queensland, enough to fill almost 9,000 Olympic sized swimming pools. The amount of waste we produce is growing faster than our population.

Part of a new waste strategy set out by the Queensland State Government is to increase recycling and resource recovery and reduce waste. This will be done by applying a waste levy on all waste sent to landfill. The State Government intends this levy will encourage business and industry to reduce, reuse and recycle more, only sending waste that cannot be recovered to landfill. Proceeds from the levy will be used to support recycling industries and initiatives that reduce waste in Queensland through the provision of State Government Grants.

The levy applies to all waste which is disposed of in landfill and is charged at \$75 per tonne for general waste (municipal solid waste, commercial and industrial, construction and demolition). Higher levies apply for regulated wastes. Landfill operators are required to pay the levy to the Queensland Government. The levy amount charged is set by legislation.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council is the operator of the dry waste landfill and will incur the levy. The regions wet waste is sent to a landfill in Mareeba, where they will incur the levy and subsequently pass the extra cost onto Council.

## How does this affect households and businesses in the Cassowary Coast?

The Queensland Government has committed to implementing the waste levy with no direct impact to households until 2022. To deliver this, local Councils will receive an advanced payment to offset household waste going to landfill.

For businesses, the levy will be included in the costs of disposing waste that ends up in landfill. The added costs for businesses will become evident in the following:

- Increased fees at transfer stations for commercial waste going to landfill
- Increased costs for skip bin and other waste disposal services
- Increased service fees added to the half yearly rates for kerbside collections

## Exemptions to the levy

Some specific exemptions to the levy are available in particular circumstances, such as natural disasters, lawfully managed and transported asbestos, clean earth, and those approved by the Department of Environment and Science. Charitable recycling organisations can also apply for exemptions for items donated which can't be used or recycled.

## How to reduce waste levy costs

Businesses and households are encouraged to look at how they can reduce waste, separate waste streams and recycle as efficiently as possible to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

This can be achieved by:

Avoiding – Avoid purchasing single-use items and avoid buying products with excessive packaging.

Composting – businesses and households are encouraged to develop a system that composts organic waste.

Recycling – Divert recyclable materials to relevant recycling facilities.

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council has provisions to recycle the following:

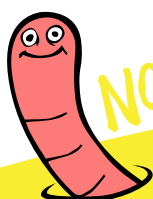
- Cardboard
- Steel, iron, whitegoods
- Green waste
- Fertiliser bags
- Car bodies
- Batteries and engine oil

These items can be disposed of for recycling at your nearest transfer station without cost.

Materials that are recovered, reused or recycled does not attract a levy. The more material a business can divert to recycling or resource recovery, the less landfill is produced and the less impact the levy will have on businesses.

For more information on the waste levy visit [www.qld.gov.au/waste-disposal-levy](http://www.qld.gov.au/waste-disposal-levy)

For tips on how to reduce landfill waste visit [www.planetark.org](http://www.planetark.org) or at [www.ecobiz.cciq.com.au](http://www.ecobiz.cciq.com.au)



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# How does the Queensland Government Waste Levy impact me?

I am a resident disposing of waste

Good news!

- ✓ The Queensland Government Waste Levy does not currently impact you.

I am disposing non-residential waste

There are three main ways this may impact you, via:

- 1 rates notice
- 2 direct fees at a transfer station
- 3 a weighbridge at a transfer station

## 1

### How do I determine the cost of my non-residential bin service/s?

1. Check your rates notice to determine which waste service category you receive.
2. Compare with the table below, to determine the new fee amount.

Bin Service Category	Description	Council Fee	QLD Gov Waste Levy Fee	Total Cost
Non-Residential A	1 x 240L Dry, collected fortnightly 1 x 140L wet, collected weekly	\$170.50	\$76.05	\$246.55
Non-Residential C	1 x 240L wet, collected weekly	\$170.50	\$70.20	\$240.70
Non-Residential A2	1 x 240L dry, collected fortnightly 1 x 140L wet, collected twice weekly	\$341.00	\$152.10	\$493.10
Non-Residential A3	1 x 240L dry, collected fortnightly 1 x 140L wet, collected 3 x weekly	\$511.50	\$228.15	\$739.65
Non-Residential C2	1 x 240L wet, collected 2 x weekly	\$341.00	\$140.40	\$481.40
Non-Residential C3	1 x 240L wet, collected 3 x weekly	\$511.50	\$210.60	\$722.10

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	RATES/CHARGE
General Rate - Commercial	39000	Minimum Levy \$214.80
State EMFR Levy Group 3 - Class B	1	
Tail Sewerage - Non Residential	1	Non Res Sewerage \$232.00
Water South - 20mm	1	
Waste - Non-Residential A	1	\$246.55
Environment Management Levy	1	\$103.00
Transport Infrastructure Levy	1	\$68.00

## 2

### Commercial & Industrial Waste

Produced by business and commerce including schools, restaurants, offices, retail and wholesale business and manufacturing industries.

Type	Description	Per Tonne	Per m <sup>3</sup>
Dry Waste	furniture, packaging, clean cans, bottles, jars, milk containers, paper cardboard, fabric, plastic, wood, cork etc.	\$171 (inc. \$75 QLD Gov Waste Levy + \$7.50 GST)	\$42 + QLD Gov Waste Levy (as per deemed weights below)
Wet Waste	food scraps, unrinsed milk & juice containers, disposable nappies, aerosols, dry paint, ink cartridges, and other putrescible materials.	\$301 (inc \$75 QLD Gov Waste Levy + \$7.50 GST)	\$175 + QLD Gov Waste Levy (as per deemed weights below)
Green Waste	grass clippings, branches, tree trunks, palm fronds & other garden waste	\$45 (no QLD Gov Waste Levy)	\$15 (no QLD Gov Waste Levy)
Cardboard	dry, clean and uncontaminated card		No charge
Ferrous Metal	includes white goods – fridges, freezers & ACs, steel & galvanised iron, car & motorbike bodies (all fluids drained)		No charge
Non-Ferrous Metal	copper, brass, aluminium etc		No charge
Tyres	Charge based on tyre size (no QLD Gov Waste Levy)		
Car Batteries	No charge		
LPG Bottles	\$17 each (no QLD Gov Waste Levy due to recycling)		

### Construction & Demolition Waste

Non putrescible waste arising from construction or demolition activities. It may include materials such as brick, timber, concrete and steel.

	Per Tonne	Per m <sup>3</sup>
Clean Concrete, Bricks & Pavers	\$125 (inc. \$75 QLD Gov Waste Levy + \$7.50 GST)	\$109 + QLD Gov Waste Levy (as per deemed weights below)



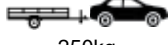
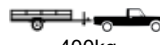



### General

	Price on application (no QLD Gov Waste Levy)	
Tyres		
Engine Oil	20L maximum	No charge
Mattresses	Infants Small Large	\$5 \$11 \$22
E-Waste	monitors, laptops, TVs, keyboards etc	No charge
Drum Muster	(eligible containers)	No charge
Container Refund Scheme	(eligible containers)	No charge
Fertiliser Bags	(rolled)	No charge
Tip Shop	(eligible products)	No charge
Approved Clean Fill	(eligible products)	No charge
Charities	with exemption numbers from the Department of Environment & Science	No charge

## 3

### QLD Government Waste Levy Deemed Weights and charges

Commercial waste at Tully and Stoters Hill will be measured over the weighbridge. At all other transfer stations the below deemed weights will apply.

Car (no trailer)	Ute or Van (no trailer)	Car with Single Axle Trailer	Ute or Van Single Axle Trailer	Light Commercial Vehicle Municipal Solid Waste or Commercial & Ind. Waste	Light Commercial Vehicle with Construction & Demolition Waste	All Other Vehicles and Waste
						
50kg	200kg	250kg	400kg	750kg	1,250kg	refer to Waste Transfer Station Operator
\$3.75 + gst	\$15 + gst	\$18.75 + gst	\$30 + gst	\$56.25 + gst	\$93.75 + gst	