



MEDIA RELEASE

DID YOU KNOW?

WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

The Waste Management Centre receives up to 100 tonnes (100,000kg) of waste per week in the form of general household wastes, building materials, recyclables, vehicles and tyres. Based on an average population of 2500 (including tourists) this equates to 40kg per person, per week. In comparison, the average waste generation in Australia is 42kg per capita, per week.

The staff at the Waste Management Centre process this waste through sorting them into either crushing, burning, packaging or shredding depending on the waste stream. Recently, the hours at the Waste Management Centre were reduced and the reason for this is to allow the staff to process your waste to ensure there is not a backlog of waste piles.

The Norfolk Island Regional Council are working towards implementing a more sustainable waste management system. You may not see any physical changes yet however be assured that work is happening behind the scenes. Implementing new equipment and practices takes time and we are working towards a more efficient system in the future. Once changes start taking place at the Waste Management Centre a review of the operating hours will occur to ensure that a balance is found between meeting the needs of the community and efficiently processing all the waste streams.

Make a small change to the amount of waste you generate this week. Swap a disposable coffee cup for a reusable one. Eat a banana as a snack rather than a chocolate bar in a wrapper. Refill your water bottle rather than buying water or soft drink in a plastic bottle. Buy bulk where possible to reduce packaging. Use a cardboard box or boomerang bag rather than a plastic bag. Those little changes add up and can start to make a real difference.

If you have any waste reduction or recycling tips to share, please email it to customercare@nirc.gov.nf.

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