

Less Waste

Working the Waste Hierarchy

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	Goals:	This could look like ...
Reduce	We only buy what we need. Thoughtful and value-based purchasing decisions. Promote less plastic packaging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A procurement policy that reduces waste.• Ask suppliers to reduce plastic packaging.• Education and policies to prevent food waste.• Local alternatives to packaged goods (e.g. baking biscuits).• Design out paper printing in office systems.
Compost	Practical strategies for composting food and other organic waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food scraps bins in all kitchens.• No plastic bags.• Paper-towel-only bins by all dispensers – into green waste.• Use Council organic waste bins.• On-site composting or worm farm.
Re-use	As much as possible avoid single-use items, and use things with a long life-span.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore options for refills, e.g. cleaning products, food supplies.• Buy better quality longer-lasting items.• Second-hand shops to keep things in circulation.
Re-purpose	Find alternative uses for waste items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use discarded items as craft/art materials• Make good use of Council resource recovery centres.• A competition to stimulate creative solutions.
Recycle	Make maximum use of Council recycling bins. No contamination of recycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow recycling bins easily accessible, with clear instructions.• Train people in how to use recycling well.• No bin-liner plastic bags.
Landfill	Reduce quantity of landfill waste. Save on costs of waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure and report on waste volumes and specific items.• Review strategies for waste minimisation.

