

Recycling statistics

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Request

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How much of this recycling (in tonnes, collected in 2023) was rejected due to contamination

How many tonnes of recycling were sent to landfill in 2023 due to contamination

If the council keeps data on this, what the most common causes of recycling contamination were

If possible, I would also like to see the same data for 2021, 2022 and the 2024 year to date.

Council Response

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All the figures below are for Council's Financial Year (July - June), as this is how our data is recorded. Residents can drop excess recycling to our EcoDrop Resource Recovery centres, which data has also been included:

Financial Year	Kerbside Collection	Resource Recovery Centres	Total
2021/22	25,919 tonnes	1,468 tonnes	27,387 tonnes
2022/23	27,236 tonnes	1,177 tonnes	28,413 tonnes
2023/24	26,050 tonnes	1,734 tonnes	27,784 tonnes
2024/25 (July to September)	6,239 tonnes	410 tonnes	6,649 tonnes

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When a truck load contains over 10% contamination, the entire truck is sent to landfill. This tonnage is not included in the collection figure, as it is rejected:

Financial Year	Rejected loads
2021/22	3,199 tonnes
2022/23	801 tonnes
2023/24	965 tonnes
2024/25(July to September)	108 tonnes



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- Bags of general rubbish
- Incorrect metal and plastic items
- Food/dirty recycling.

