

Managing Waste



Sustainable Salisbury

“We are working together with our communities to manage waste in the most responsible manner, to convert recycled material into useful products, and to ensure future residents in the region inherit a healthy and life-sustaining environment.”

Brian King
Manager, Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA)

Waste not, want not! This is an old saying with a new and important relevance. In the quest for sustainable development, waste management is one of the most critical issues facing the world in the 21st century.

As individuals, communities, businesses, governments and nations, we must strive for efficient and environmentally sustainable waste management.

The City of Salisbury is a member council of the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA), which has commissioned leading edge equipment, policies and processes to deliver total waste management from the kerbside to recycling, baling and environmentally responsible disposal.

Recently, NAWMA began operating a world-class waste baling plant at Elizabeth West to compact domestic and commercial waste.



The waste, compacted into 1.2 cubic metre strapped bales, contains only those components of the waste stream that cannot be effectively recovered. Once baled, it is transported in special, enclosed trucks to NAWMA's environmentally engineered landfill at Uleybury.

The Uleybury landfill features a clay and synthetic composite liner system to ensure groundwater protection. The most advanced monitoring and control measures have also been implemented to protect the surrounding environment and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.

NAWMA's other key activities on behalf of member councils include materials recovery to process kerbside collected recyclable materials, and pre-sorted commercial and industrial waste. In the past financial year alone, NAWMA processed more than 30,000 tonnes of recyclables.

At its waste transfer station at Research Road, Pooraka, the City of Salisbury processes residential hard waste with significant discounts on disposal fees available for sorted materials that are recyclable.

Since 1995, the amount of waste NAWMA has diverted from landfill has increased from 10 per cent to almost 40 per cent.

NAWMA's garden waste collection service also helps nature's course because material is composted and the natural goodness is returned to the soil. More than 26,000 households in the region participate in the garden waste service with strategies in place to significantly increase this figure.

NAWMA also has extensive education and community awareness programs to help people make informed decisions about waste disposal.

For more information please contact NAWMA on 1800 111 004 or visit www.nawma.sa.gov.au



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