**Transition and Post-transition stages – Newsletter article (print version)**

**Version 1**

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You can use this material during Phases 2 and 3 of your transition (when introducing the new services or around 3 months after introducing them).

Customise the fields highlighted in grey and adapt the content to suit your needs.

**Note:** The list of items that can or cannot be put into each bin is provided here as an example only. It is your responsibility to check and update the lists of items based on what is currently accepted by your council.

# **New waste and recycling system commences today**

Now that [*Insert*: Council or Alpine resort management board name or area] has a [*Select:* purple bin *OR* drop-off service] for glass only, and a [S*elect:* green bin *OR* drop-off service] for food and garden organics, it’s time to change the way you sort your waste and recycling at home.

All food and garden organics can now [*Select:* go into your green bin OR be taken to a drop-off site].

This means food scraps (such as leftovers, meat and seafood) and waste from your garden (such as leaves, plants and lawn clippings) no longer go into your general rubbish bin. This way, your food and garden organics can be turned into compost and mulch and used in [*Insert:* 1-2 examples from your area]. This new service also helps to reduce the amount of household waste that ends up in landfill.

From the week commencing [*Insert:* Date], you also need to separate your glass bottles and jars from your mixed recycling and [*Select:* put them in your new purple bin *OR* take them to one of the new drop-off sites].

When glass is collected separately, more of it can be recycled effectively and turned into new items such as [*Insert:* 1-2 examples from your area].

With the new services commencing, the frequency of your bin collections is also changing.

Here is an overview of your new household waste and recycling system:

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| **Bin colour or Waste service** | **Examples of what can be put in**[*Reminder: Update this list as per note above*] |
| New [*Select:* purple bin *OR* drop-off service] for glass recyclingCollected every [*Insert:* Frequency] | * Glass bottles and jars for food and drinks such as for beer, cooking oil, pasta sauce and condiments
* Glass bottles and jars for medicine and toiletries
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| New [*Select:* green bin *OR* drop-off service] for food and garden organicsCollected every [*Insert:* Frequency] | * Fruit and vegetable scraps
* Meat, bones, seafood, and eggshells
* Leaves, plants, twigs, and grass
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| Yellow bin for mixed recyclingCollected every [*Insert:* Frequency] | * Accepted hard plastic such as [*Insert relevant term, such as:* plastic bottles and containers]
* Aluminium cans, trays and foil
* Paper and cardboard
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| Red bin for general rubbishCollected every [*Insert:* Frequency] | * Broken glassware and crockery
* Nappies and wet wipes
* Kitty litter and animal droppings
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You should have received an information kit with your new bins, which has everything you need to help you recycle correctly. If you haven’t received your information kit, please contact [*Insert*: Contact details].

For more information, please visit our website, [*Insert*: Website link, QR code or both].