

What's Happening with your Waste?

This article is aimed to give the community a little insight into what is happening behind the scenes at the Waste Management Centre. The mini-sort line and multi-purpose baler has allowed Council to efficiently manage a number of different waste streams and divert them from ocean outfall. Since October 2018, every single bag of general waste that comes into the Waste Management Centre is opened to ensure that only general waste is present. Where items such as cans, household batteries, e-waste or PET bottles are present, these are removed for recycling.

The remaining waste stream from households, known as the residual waste, is baled, shrink wrapped and palletized. These bales are exported fortnightly to Brisbane for disposal. We are currently averaging about 30t of residual waste per month.

In addition to this, cardboard is now baled and exported in the same manner with the first freighter of cardboard being sent out in early April for recycling. We are estimating that this will be exported monthly.

Since October 2018, PET plastics, aluminum and steel cans are also baled. 16 containers were sent out on the last Boral Barge and we have approximately 20 containers ready for export.

Separating your waste correctly means that less resources are required to recover recyclables. If you are unsure how to segregate your waste, then ask one of the staff at the Waste Management Centre. Alternatively you can find the sorting guidelines on Council's website <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/how-sort-your-waste>. NIRC thanks the community for their participation in responsibly managing waste generated on island.

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