



Mingenew Transfer Station – FAQ

What is happening with the landfill?

The Shire is transitioning from the current landfill model to a transfer station model. This process started in 2018 with the construction of a new liquid waste pond, worker hut and domestic waste disposal area.

What is actually changing?

There will be several changes:

- The site might be manned.
- Site layout will change, giving more direction of what is dumped where.
- Opening hours might become limited.
- There may be dumping fees imposed for certain types of waste, or for waste being dumped by parties who are not residents/ratepayers from the Shire of Mingenew.
- Certain types of waste (or certain volumes of that waste) may not be accepted.

Why make these changes?

- To control dumping of certain waste types which are expensive to manage (e.g. tyres and asbestos).

- As many of the surrounding waste facilities become more tightly managed, waste from surrounding areas is being dumped at the Mingenew landfill (as it is easy and free to do so); this means that Mingenew ratepayers foot the bill for managing that external waste.
- We will be able to more effectively recycle waste.
- There may be the opportunity for a tip shop which could provide a small business opportunity as well as better recycling outcomes.
- The current landfill approach does not comply well with relevant legislation and, as a result, presents a number of both compliance and environmental risks.
- We will be better able to monitor and measure the waste that is dumped.

What do our neighbours do?

Morawa's refuse site is open Friday to Monday 8:00–12:00 and 12:30–4:00.

Port Denison's Transfer Station is open Monday to Friday 7:30–2:30 and weekends 9:00–2:00.

Three Springs Lions Club conduct can, battery and scrap metal recycling, separate to their rubbish tip.

Carnamah operate a recycling centre for car batteries and oil, as well as a metal yard for metal recycling, separate to their rubbish tip.

What's the next step?

We are currently seeking feedback from the community and tip users to help to guide this process. This will assist the Council to determine:

- Opening hours.
- Permitted/non-permitted waste.
- Policy with regards to any user fees.

We have a draft Environmental Management Plan to help to guide the process which is available for viewing.

How can I provide feedback?

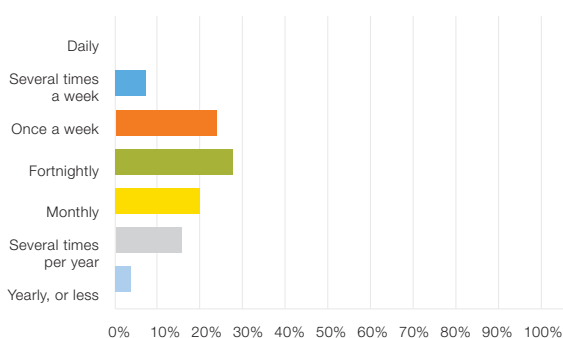
We want to hear from you – and it's easy! We have a digital or paper-based survey that you can complete. Alternatively, just contact the Shire.

How can I find out more?

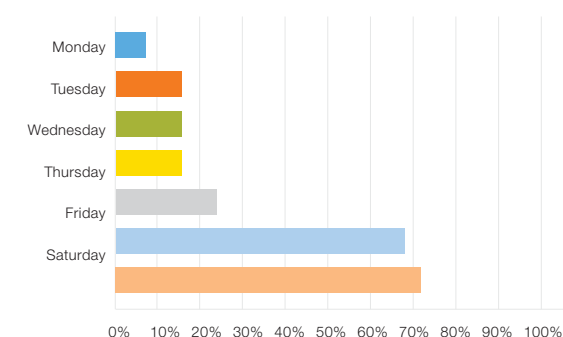
Visit the waste management section on the Shire website: mingenew.wa.gov.au/resources

Survey feedback so far:

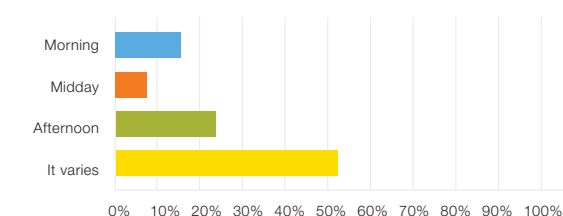
Q4 - On average, how often do you use the landfill?



Q5 - What day/s do you typically visit the site?



Q6 - What time of day do you usually visit the site?



Some of the other comments we received:

"In its present form, the tip currently self-recycles. People dump their unwanted goods and then other people take what they can use and recycle. If the tip is remodelled

into a transfer station this will no longer occur. There will be an increased risk that residents will begin to illegally dump their rubbish in the bush surrounding the town."

"A fee for using the tip should be introduced, the public also need to know the cost of running a tip."

"As long as general rubbish drop off remains free for those of us without kerbside pickup I'm not overly concerned."

"Maybe an entry card could be provided to allow out of town people (ratepayers with no kerbside collections) to enter the tip at all times through a boom gate."

