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The Gore District Council will continue to operate its Gore transfer station during the COVID-19 lockdown, albeit in a limited capacity.

The Gore transfer station will close at the end of business today as the country moves into COVID-19 level 4 lockdown.

Gore District chief executive Stephen Parry said managers were still firming up the details but it was planned to have the transfer station open this weekend.

“We won’t be offering the full range of services. At this stage it’s envisaged to have the station open to the public at weekends and maybe one day a week, and only for green waste.”

The Government has repeatedly encouraged people to remain active and get outside into the garden during the four-week lockdown.

“Gardening is one activity that will be good for people’s mental and physical wellbeing, which is why we believe it’s important to offer some level of service.

“We have a lot of avid gardeners in the Gore District and we know there will be a fair bit of green waste to be dumped.”

He acknowledged other Southland councils had decided to close their transfer stations to the public.

“Every community is different and we understand the reason why Invercargill City and Southland District councils have made the call to close.”

The Gore transfer station was a large open area and Mr Parry was confident people would take every precaution around maintaining their distance from other users.

“There would be far more chance for personal contact at an off-licence or supermarket than a transfer station.”

Kerbside rubbish and recycling services in Gore and Mataura will continue as usual.

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