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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Solid Waste Services under Alert Level 2**

The Government has announced we are moving to COVID-19 alert level 2 on Wednesday 12 August at noon. This will impact how we deliver some of our solid waste services.

Kerbside recycling and rubbish collections are continuing as normal, as are the recycling drop-off facilities.

Recycling which normally goes to Southland disAbility Enterprises will continue to, as they are open with additional safety measures in place.

Southland disAbility Enterprises General Manager Hamish McMurdo said they have automatically moved into their level 2 protocols which include sanitising the workplace, wearing extra PPE and social distancing. "It is really important for everyone to check all plastic, metal and glass is thoroughly washed before going into your recycling. Please be kind, and consider the safety of our team handling your recycling."

Council Transfer Stations are open as normal and will operate their Level 2 safe working practices which include limiting customer numbers on site, contactless payments and recording customer details for contract tracing.

Southland District Council Strategic Manager Water and Waste Manager Ian Evans said the second-hand goods sheds at the Southland District Council transfer stations will be closed at Level 2. "While we are not able to provide second-hand good services under Level 2, we encourage residents to hold onto their goods until we are able to reopen these services."

### **What using the Council Transfer Stations will look like under Alert Level 2:**

- QR codes will be displayed
- Vehicle registrations will be recorded against your transaction for contract tracing purposes.
- Staff will direct customers and limit vehicles in the disposal areas to allow physical distancing to be maintained – please follow all instructions
- Fees still apply. Contactless payments is the preferred payment method i.e. card payments.
- All second-hand good facilities will be closed.
- Customers should expect delays and be patient.

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