



Breakfast on the Verge



Outline of Session today

7.30 – 7.45am: Outline of Project and Draft Better Practice Guidelines

7.45 – 8.15am: On table discussion of key issues

8.15 – 8.45am: Whole of group discussion and Q&A

8.45 – 9am: Wrap up



Better Practice Verge Collection Project

- Funded by the Waste Authority, through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy
- This project aims to maximise recovery from material traditionally collected by verge side collections through a review to ascertain the better practice solution to increase recycling of this resource, leading to Local Governments using of a better practice approach.



What's in the Guidelines?

- Background Research and Engagement
 - Information from the 2012/13 Local Government Census
 - Summary of the outcome of the case studies and outcomes of the workshop
 - Summary of WA Research – MRC and East Fremantle
 - Interstate Examples
 - International Research



What's in the Guidelines?

- Aims & Objectives
 - Providing an effective service in a way which meets community expectations;
 - Providing an economic service;
 - Recovering/recycling material to meet the State Waste Strategy landfill diversion targets;
 - Protecting the environment through reducing the likelihood of illegal dumping; and
 - Ensuring Occupational Health & Safety concerns are addressed.



What's in the Guidelines?

- Approach suggested
 - The Guidelines do not suggest cease all vergeside collections immediately
 - Transitional approach suggested
 - Seek Council endorsement of Better Practice approach
 - Move to Current Better Practice Approach
 - Commence planning for future Better Practice Approach
 - Implement future Better Practice Approach



What's in the Guidelines?

- Current Better Practice - separate Hard and Green waste collections
 - HARD WASTE
 - Reduction – well prior to collections, provide residents with other options to dispose of unwanted items
 - Frequency – once a year
 - Information provision – simple, pictorial info provided to residents prior to collection
 - Collection – pick up within a week of information provision
 - Enforcement – clear enforcement process, prior to, during and post collection
 - Other considerations – ‘verge shopping’, access to recycling, multi-residential, contracting



What's in the Guidelines?

- Current Better Practice:

GREEN WASTE

- Reduction – well prior to collections, provide options for composting or other services
- Frequency – as appropriate to your area, considering budgetary constraints and other services
- Information provision – simple, pictorial info provided to residents prior to collection
- Collection – pick up within a week of information provision
- Enforcement – clear enforcement process, prior to, during and post collection
- Other considerations – contracting



What's in the Guidelines?

- Future Better Practice

HARD WASTE

- Reduction – well prior to collections, provide options for composting or other services
- Frequency – once or twice yearly on call service
- Information provision – simple, pictorial info provided to residents prior to collection
- Collection – night before collection, stickers to identify items
- Enforcement – clear enforcement process, prior to, during and post collection
- Other considerations – contracting