

Annexure 15: Integrated Waste Management Policy for Outeniquasbosch

The following is recommended for the best practice of waste management within Outeniquasbos;

- To construct a store / collection point for all waste bags of Outeniquasbos at the service entrance of Outeniquasbos or near the existing outbuildings where the municipal refuse trucks can collect in accordance with the Service Agreement with the Municipality.
- All residents of Outeniquasbos must implement a **“sort at source”** approach by sorting of waste into three categories and therefore three different coloured plastic bags.
 - From 1 July 2018, Mossel Bay Municipality, implemented the three bags system, where three different colours of plastic bags will be used to categorize different wastes.
 - **Black plastic bags** for non-recyclable waste (such as food, wet/dirty paper, cigarette ends, nappies, sanitary towels etc.).
 - **Blue plastic bags** for recyclable waste (cardboard, plastic, glass, tin, aluminium etc.).
 - **Green plastic bags** for gardening waste (grass, leaves, twigs etc.), gardening waste that is not able to be placed within a plastic bag should be tied up in a bundle for disposal.
- Guidelines on recycling of solid waste provided by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, predicts that within an urban household, two bins of waste will be produced by each person per week, therefore it is recommended that collection for the estate takes place twice a week.
- Bags should be collected by management and disposed appropriately in accordance to the categories within the storage area and collection point.
- Collection should be done the day before municipal collection so that the bags are not at the collection point for more time than is necessary.
- The storage area must allow for sufficient space to store the full volume of each category of waste that could be generated within both estates over a period of 2 weeks (in the event of the municipality not collecting for 2 occasions).
- Clear demarcated and separate areas must be set out for each category of waste (don't mix the bag colours).
- There should be ample ventilation but there should be no opportunity for wildlife to enter the waste storage area (rats/mice/monkeys etc.).
- All bags should be collected on specified days by the estate management and NO bags should be put out for collection until the specified date and time. This is to take the wildlife into account.
- Exact specifications detailing how the owner needs to display their bag for collection will be provided. This may entail different bags on different days or a specific structure into which each home owner needs to place their bags for collection.
- Residents to keep their bags within their homes until collection time.
- Cleaning of the store / collection point after each municipal collection is essential.
- Any other waste, that does not fall within these three categories, needs to be disposed at an approved, licensed landfill site – this would apply to any hazardous wastes (used cooking oil, batteries, etc).