

## Waste Minimisation Community Programmes & Initiatives

Western Bay of Plenty District Council supports and promotes community programmes and initiatives that achieve waste minimisation.

These projects help to create social norms regarding waste minimisation and long-term behaviour change in individuals. Current programmes for waste minimisation include:

- **Business Waste Minimisation** – Council offers audits / assessments of businesses to identify opportunities for cost savings and environmental improvements. This is a free service to businesses in the Western Bay of Plenty. Contact Council for more information.
- **Zero Waste Education** – provides waste minimisation education programmes to schools and community groups within the district. This covers reducing, recycling, composting, resource sustainability and water conservation. Contact Council for more information or to book a waste minimisation presentation for your community group.
- **Waste Reduction at Events** – resource kit provided to event organisers to reduce waste to landfill as a result of their event. Contact Council for equipment hire cost.
- **Home Worm Composting** – 2 hour workshop for Western Bay residents, where participants learn the basics of worm composting and receive all the materials to start a worm farm of their own. This includes a worm bin, worms, lime and compost. See Council's website for workshop dates and book your space through Eventfinda. <https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-services/rubbish-recycling-waste/Pages/Worm-Composting.aspx>
- **Waste Free living and parenting with Kate** – Exciting workshops (Waste free living, Waste Free parenting, Food Lovers) to inspire you to become motivated and take control of your household impact on our future. You'll receive a free pack bursting with waste minimisation products with tickets purchased. Book your workshop through Eventfinda. <http://www.thenappylady.co.nz/>
- **Paper4Trees** – schools paper recycling programme. This is a free service. [www.paper4trees.co.nz](http://www.paper4trees.co.nz)
- **Pare Kore** – assists marae to be working towards zero waste, the programme is designed to support marae to achieve this vision. [www.parakore.maori.nz](http://www.parakore.maori.nz)