

### Moreton Bay Research Station (MBRS) General Waste

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#### 1. Scope

This operational procedure is limited to the general waste stream at the Moreton Bay Research Station.

#### 2. Objectives

- To avoid risk to health and safety;
- To ensure the Moreton Bay Research Station is aesthetically pleasing;
- To avoid incidence of littering; and
- To ensure that the waste is disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner.

#### 3. Waste Procedures

##### 3.1 *Waste Minimisation Strategies*

A recycling scheme is in place. For further information, refer to the “Operating Procedure - Recycling”, Section 9E

##### 3.2 *Sorting*

It is the responsibility of the individual users to sort and dispose of their waste thoughtfully. There are appropriate bins for the general waste stream placed at the research station.

##### 3.3 *Collection from Source*

It is the responsibility of the Manager, Moreton Bay Research Centre to ensure the following:

- The cleaner will empty all the general waste bins on the site into a 240 litre wheelie bin;
- That the 240 litre wheelie bins of general wastes are taken to a kerbside position for collection by the Redland Shire Council; and
- Upon servicing, the bins are returned from the kerbside to their original position.

##### 3.4 *Collection for Disposal*

It is the responsibility of the Shire Council to ensure the following:

- That contractors collect the wastes from wheelie bins placed on the kerbside;
- That the general wastes are disposed of in landfills approved by Local Authorities; and
- That the contractors’ environmental licences and any other licences to dispose of general wastes have been approved by the Administering Authorities.

### **3.5 Disposal Frequency**

#### **3.5.1 Clearing of General Waste Bins**

Bins used for the collection of general waste are cleared on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

#### **3.5.2 Waste Collection**

General waste bins are collected on a weekly basis from the kerbside collection point. These bins should be placed out for collection every **Monday**. No additional services are available.

### **4. Equipment**

The equipment for collection of general wastes consists of:

- Small waste bins for collection of waste as source (kitchens, labs, offices, dormitories, etc);
- 240 litre wheelie bins for collection of waste by cleaners.

Please note wheelie bins only are supplied by Property and Facilities Division. Small desk bins must be purchased by the Research Station.

### **5. Enquiries**

Any enquiries regarding the management of the general waste stream should be addressed to personnel as follows:

**Table 1 - Contact personnel per campus.**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Centre for Marine Studies	Manager, Moreton Bay Research Station	(07) 3409 9058

### **6. Definitions**

#### **6.1 Waste**

Under Section 13 of the *Environmental Protection Act, 1994* **waste** is defined as “any gas, liquid, solid or energy (or a combination of wastes) that is surplus to, or unwanted from, any industrial, commercial, domestic or other activity, whether or not of value.”

#### **6.2 General Waste Stream**

It is the stream that contains wastes of domestic characteristics which are solid and inert in nature.

### **7. References**

- Environmental Protection Act 1994
- Health Act 1937
- Waste Management Strategy for Queensland 1996
- Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995 and Regulations
- Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000