



Foodwaste galore!

Raglan you have done incredible work using the new Kerbside Foodwaste Collection service. Over the past 4.5 weeks 6.1 tonnes of foodwaste have been collected and diverted from landfill! Every week the foodwaste has been mixed with fresh greenwaste (also from the community) and put in our Hot Composting Unit (HCU) where it is turning into beautiful Superfood Compost.

If you have received a little reminder in your Kerbside Collection Bin to put your handle in the locked position, you may have thought "but it is locked". We apologise for any confusion around this but when the kerbside bin handle is sticking up the bin appears to be locked but if it is blown over by the wind or attacked by animals this position it is not secure. Putting your bin handle down at the front of the bin is the best "locked position".

Hopefully you have found a nice dry and cool home for your packet of compostable bags and your kitchen caddy is sitting nicely on your kitchen bench or under the sink. Look out for the request slip in the pack and when you reach it follow the instructions and our driver will give you a new pack. For those of you who home compost, this service can still be of use to you. You can put meat, citrus, flour, bread, dry pasta, and other food items you may not want in your home compost, in the collection.

The graph below shows weekly collection totals in kilos. Xtreme Zero Waste is very proud of this community and its commitment to zero waste! Thanks for all the positive feedback.

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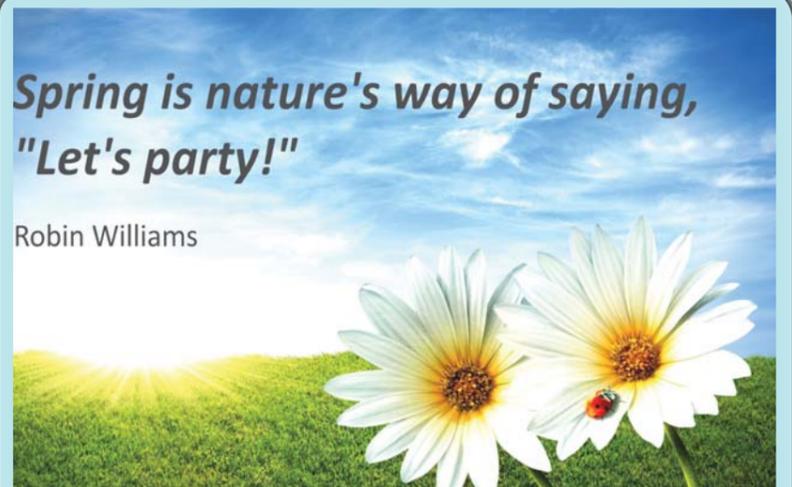
We have some beautiful piles of rich, mature compost up at Xtreme Zero Waste but we have been battling our muddy site to get to it. The good news is we can offer the following: Available this week - unsieved compost, bulk orders only this week. Pick up with your own vehicle or have us deliver. Minimum order 3 cubic metres.

Available 6th October onwards – our bagged compost will be back and also trailer loads of sieved compost loaded onto your trailer. Or, if you have a tow ball, you can do a quick turnaround hire of the Xtreme Zero Waste trailer for \$10 (Raglan only).



*Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"*

Robin Williams



Spring has sprung

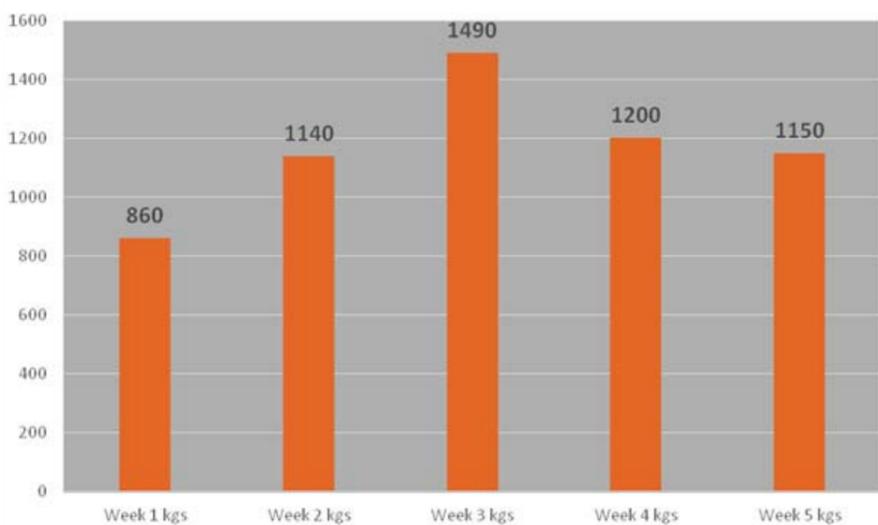
There's puawananga (clematis) flowering in the forest, kowhai blooming around town and the sound of pipiwharau (shining cuckoo) in the air - all signs that summer is on it's way and it's time to get outside and get planting!

Growing food at home is easier than you'd think and here at WEC we'd love to help you with advice, seeds from the Seed Bank and gardening tools from the Tool Library. There are so many reasons to grow your own food: not only will you eliminate 'food miles' (the environmental cost of transporting food) but it's a lot cheaper to grow your own veges than buying in the shops! Home grown food tastes better too! Between the spring showers, where the earth is not too wet, give your garden beds some love and attention to get them ready for your summer crops. Yank those weeds out of there

and revitalise the soil with compost or well-rotted manure. As the soil warms up, seeds like peas, beans, carrot and beetroot can all be sown directly in the ground. If the idea of getting into your gardens outside is still a little bracing, you could start off some tomato, cucumber and salad greens in pots or seed trays in a warm spot at home. All kids, young and old, love watching life unfurling from a seed! If you don't have room at home, or can't commit to looking after 'all those lives' in a garden of your own - join us at the community gardens! (see below).

With spring growth comes the start of real abundance - make sure you have the 1st of October marked in your calendar for our next Crop Swap - we'd love to see you there: 9.30am in the Town Hall Supper Room.

Foodwaste Collected



Let's grow food together!

There is a space down Wi Neera Street, tucked behind the Raglan Police Station that is ready and waiting for us to create a community garden. This awesome garden space is for the community and needs community input – please help us make it amazing! Community gardens can become spaces for people to connect, grow food, learn skills and grow together. As the soil is starting to warm up and the planting season is creeping up, now is the time to plan how we can make this space the best it can be. Join us at the gardens from 10am -12pm on Saturday the 14th of October to plan how we're going to work together and how this space can grow this summer. We'd love to hear what you'd like to see in the gardens, how you'd like to be involved and what you'd like to get out of this project (crops to browse? skills/workshops? a place to watch crops grow? shared gardens vs allocated plots? etc etc). WEC wants to work with everyone interested in helping this space grow - individuals or organisations are welcome! Please bring a plate for a shared lunch following the planning session.



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