

NOTICE TO ALL ORGANIC WASTE GENERATORS

Submission of Integrated Refuse Management (IRM) Plans

The Western Cape Government has directed all organic waste generators to divert 50% of organic waste from landfill disposal and achieve 100% diversion by 31 December 2027.

To support the achievement of these targets, George Municipality requires all organic waste generators operating within the hospitality, food manufacturing, and food processing sectors to submit an Integrated Refuse Management (IRM) Plan for review and approval by **31 December 2026**.

The IRM Plan must clearly indicate:

- Measures currently implemented to reduce organic waste generation.
- Strategies to divert organic waste from landfill disposal.
- Planned actions and timelines for progressively phasing out the disposal of organic waste to landfill from 01 January 2028.
- Alternative treatment, recycling, recovery, or beneficiation methods that will be implemented.

This instruction is issued in terms of the **Municipality's Integrated Waste Management By-law (2024)** which empowers the Municipality to require any waste generator to submit an IRM Plan within a specified period.

Businesses are encouraged to consult the Integrated Waste Management By-law for further information and guidance regarding the preparation and submission of IRM Plans.

Organic Waste Management Alternatives

George has a well-established private organic waste processing sector that provides various alternatives to landfill disposal. Businesses are encouraged to engage with the following industry associations for information on approved service providers and available processing solutions:

- **ORASA** (Organic Recycling Association of South Africa)

SUBMISSIONS OF IRM PLANS

An integrated refuse management plan must include the following information:

- (a) the quantity of waste generated;
- (b) measures to prevent pollution or ecological degradation;
- (c) targets for waste minimisation through waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery;
- (d) measures or programmes to minimise the generation of waste and the final disposal of waste;
- (e) measures or actions to manage waste;
- (f) opportunities for the reduction of waste generation through changes to packaging, product design or production processes;
- (g) mechanisms for informing the public of the impact of waste-generating products or packaging on the environment;
- (h) the period required for the implementation of the plan; and
- (i) methods for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the plan.

Submission of IRM Plans

All completed Integrated Refuse Management Plans must be submitted to:

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Enquiries

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