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I would recycle if we had more options and indications to do so. I love nature and it is sad to see it go to waste right in front of us.

**Juandre Davidtz**



**Would you recycle if you knew how?**

I would recycle if there were means to do such. It's in everyone's interest to do our bit for the environment and to inculcate such values in our children.

**Leandra Naidoo**



I would like to recycle. If everything is in place and I have a clear indication as to where to take my recycle material to, I will without a doubt do my bit.

**Sonja le Roux**

# Wheelie bin roll-out program

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The Emalahleni Local Municipality has experienced a number of challenges on waste collection and general cleanliness of the city that emanates from the type of waste collection methods and limited formalized recycling initiatives within the city. The Directorate has thus initiated a project that is geared at enhancing waste management and brings about sustainable cleanliness of the city in line with the municipal goals and objectives.

The project has been funded externally in a joint collaboration through the SLP initiatives between South 32, Anglo American Coal and Glencore South Africa. An alternative manner of refuse collection by means of the wheelie bin system was planned to replace the refuse bag collection system. Council resolved at a meeting held on September 18 to implement a pilot project in specific residential areas with the waste hierarchy in mind which includes waste reduction through recycling and composting.

## Cleaning our city every day

The Emalahleni Local Municipality's Department of Public Works has an amazing programme to make the City of Coal a cleaner place. All around eMalahleni residents can see the EPWP people busy cleaning our streets. This programme, better known as the Expanded Public







Works Programme is to give everybody a chance to get something because of the high unemployment rate. "These people are not workers from the municipality and is doing a better job than some of our municipality workers," a spokesperson from the municipality, Mr Lebo Mofokeng concluded.



EPWP people busy cleaning the streets of eMalahleni.

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The pilot project is planned to be implemented in the following areas:

-  Del Judor extension 4 and 12
-  Jackaroo Park and Clearwater Estates
-  Eric Liberty
-  Lynnville (Ninja Park)
-  Kwa-Thomas Mahlanguville (Tycoon Village)
-  Ga-Nala

Proposed recycling methods that will be done as part of the roll-out plan:

Initially recycling of paper, plastic, bottles, cans/tins and carton will only be done. Recycling activities will be conducted by two (2) different entities at no cost to the Municipality. The removal of recyclables will take place on the same day as refuse collection, namely Tuesdays.

See through plastic refuse bags will be purchased by the recycling entities. One refuse bag will have to be distributed to each residential unit. Recycled material must be removed to the buy-back centre, weighed, properly separated and a report provided to the Municipality.

Programme for organic waste disposal:

All organic waste such as grass cuttings, leaves and tree branches from the pilot area must be removed by residential owners themselves and be disposed off at the two identified drop off centres. Residents may dispose organic waste free of charge at these sites. Organic waste will

be composted and managed by the Parks Section of Council. No organic waste will be collected and removed with Council refuse compaction vehicles after the project has commenced. The special garden and building rubble removal service by means of mass containers will however continue.




Public participation plan for the project:

Only the residents of the pilot areas will be invited to engage in a public participation process. The dates and venues for the public participation process will be communicated with the public in due course. Notices in consultation with Ward Councilors and the committee will be distributed in the project area to residents in which they will be invited to attend a public participation process. A flier will be distributed to all residents

in the project area explaining the project. A new tariff will also be discussed with community members, which will form part of the tariff system for the 2019/2020 financial year. It is intended to implement the wheelie bin system in the pilot areas during January 2019. The success of this initiative will help the Council to reduce its operational cost, increase efficiency of service delivery and enhance our Constitutional obligation of a clean and livable environment.

## How to recycle in your household

Recycling is an important factor in conserving natural resources and greatly contributes towards improving the environment. Below are some helpful hints about recycling in and around the home. Recycling in and around the home can be easy when you know how. By thinking carefully about what products you buy at the supermarket and how to recycle them is the first step towards efficient recycling.

-  Find ways to recycle different materials
-  Avoid buying hazardous material
-  Buy products that can be recycled

