



# Your guide to living sustainably in Peacocke

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# Introduction

**We're taking a programme approach to enabling the development of an attractive and sustainable community in Peacocke.**

When completed, Peacocke will be home to more than 20,000 people who will be able to enjoy more types of housing, different travel options, connections to green spaces and close proximity to the central city, schools and workplaces.

Our Peacocke programme will deliver necessary infrastructure like roads and pipes, while considering climate change, making the largest environmental investment in a neighbourhood and updating area plans for the future community and stormwater management.

The way Peacocke is developed is guided by the Peacocke Structure Plan. This plan considers things like transport connections including public transport, cycling, and walking, parks and open spaces, commercial areas, housing style and density, environment and cultural heritage and sets out the best place for each of those activities to happen. It

will help us balance the need for housing with social, cultural, environmental, and economic outcomes for our community.

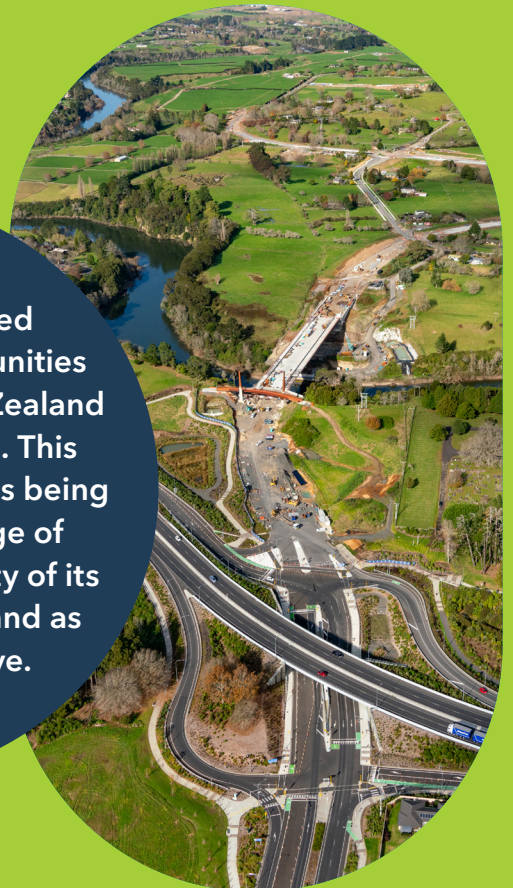
We're developing a community that helps people reduce their emissions, live more sustainably, with community wellbeing at its heart. Peacocke has been designed with best practice sustainability features front of mind. Now it's your turn.

We've put together some tips and information about Peacocke in this guide to help you make better decisions, enhance the surrounding environment and live more sustainability in Peacocke.

**Ko te aaheinga o te hanga he waahi ataahua, he waahi toiora ki Peacocke.**

We're enabling the development of an attractive and sustainable community in Peacocke.

Peacocke is registered for a Green Star Communities rating through the New Zealand Green Building Council. This means the development is being assessed across a range of criteria around the quality of its sustainability features and as a healthy place to live.





# Becoming a climate-ready neighbourhood

**We have a big responsibility to lead the way when it comes to neighbourhoods and our city responding to climate change.**

While we work on the big stuff, there are some small, everyday actions you can take to help reduce our city's emissions and prepare for the future.

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## What is climate change?

Our climate is a result of patterns in temperature, rain, wind, and sunshine. A stable climate is critical to the health and wellbeing of people and the planet. As we use fossil fuels like oil, coal and gas in our day-to-day activities (such as for transport, power, etc.), the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions that are released act as a blanket that traps heat in our atmosphere. This heat disrupts our climate, causing climate change.

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We are already experiencing the effects of climate change, such as more extreme heat and rainfall, flooding, and drought. These weather events have widespread impacts on our lives and can also lead to injury and even death. The impacts of climate change, such as changes in the foods we can grow due to disrupted weather conditions, or deterioration of natural spaces that we care about like the Waikato River, also impact our wellbeing.

We have an opportunity to reduce the impacts of climate change by changing the way we live, work, and play so we don't rely on fossil fuels. We also need to prepare our communities and environment for the impacts we have already locked in.

You can find more about our response to climate change and read the strategy at [hamilton.govt.nz/climatechange](https://hamilton.govt.nz/climatechange).



Read our [Peacocke Community Resilience Plan Household Booklet](https://hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke) to find out about climate change risks in your community and how to prepare for natural hazards in Peacocke at [hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke](https://hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke).



# Enhancing biodiversity

Peacocke is Hamilton's greatest-ever neighbourhood investment in the environment.

This multi-million-dollar investment will protect and enhance our natural taonga, green spaces, and biodiversity in Peacocke by restoring gullies, planning new wetlands, creating safe habitats for pekapeka-tou-roa (long-tailed bat) and native lizards, planting many new trees and plants plus protecting birds, bats and aquatic life. Developers, community groups and landowners will also make investments that support the unique ecological makeup of the Peacocke area.

The environment is at the heart of everything we do. Across the city and in Peacocke, we're keeping nature in the city, improving biodiversity outcomes and increasing our city's resilience to climate change.

Learn more at [hamilton.govt.nz/biodiversity](https://hamilton.govt.nz/biodiversity).



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## Lizards

Peacocke is also home to our native copper skink. Lizard restoration sites have been set aside and established to provide a safe environment for lizards during construction of the project and for years to come.





### **The new Peacocke community will see:**

- 15 hectares of gully restoration that's under way and will be completed by 2026. This is just the start of more restoration and protection of gully areas.
- around 30 wetland areas developed.
- over 200,000 new native plants and trees planted.
- more than 1.5km of Mangakootukutuku Stream restored.
- installation of artificial bat roosts.
- ongoing removal of weed species in the gully network.
- pest and predator control.

We've also updated our plans for the future community in Peacocke and have new rules in place for managing natural areas and stormwater as new homes and subdivisions are developed. The updated Peacocke Structure Plan provides for significant natural areas and green spaces totally more than 200 hectares.





## Mangakootukutuku Gully

In Peacocke, the most significant natural areas are the Mangakootukutuku Gully system and the Waikato River. These natural areas act as ecological corridors, providing habitat and ecological highways for native animals like long-tailed bats and birds.

New infrastructure like roads and gully crossing bridges have been designed to make sure that artificial lighting does not impact the bats flight paths and feeding habitats. The gully network and connecting open spaces will be important areas that provide other environmental and community wellbeing benefits.

We are also working with gully owners and community groups to 'join-up' natural areas in Hamilton by supporting restoration work.

Future-thinking stormwater management plans for Peacocke and surrounding areas will minimise the effects of development on the Mangakootukutuku Stream. This will help maintain the stream's ability to provide aquatic habitat for species such as long-finned eels. Tailored planning rules will make sure impacts from future housing developments are offset by environmental initiatives. Designating Significant Natural Areas in the District Plan to further protect special places, such as the gully network, from development.



**Connect with the  
Mangakotukutuku  
Gully group on  
Facebook**



## Long-tailed bats

Ecological corridors, or 'bat highways' have been maintained and enhanced to protect pekapeka-tou-roa and allow them to move safely between their habitat, both within the Peacocke area as well as other areas in the city.





## Supporting nature at home

The community in Peacocke can help support the work we're doing by choosing the right plants for your backyard, being responsible pet owners, and checking for pest plants and animals.

Plant native friendly trees and plants in your garden to increase habitat (flight paths, safe travel routes, stop-overs) and to encourage biodiversity in your neighbourhood.

For a guide on planting in Peacocke, visit [hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke](https://hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke).

Find out more about our work in gullies and natural areas at [hamilton.govt.nz/biodiversity](https://hamilton.govt.nz/biodiversity).

### Get stuck in!

If you want to roll up your sleeves for nature, try volunteering and support the restoration work in your neighbourhood or across Hamilton. Learn more [hamilton.govt.nz/volunteer-to-restore-nature](https://hamilton.govt.nz/volunteer-to-restore-nature).

## Protecting our environment from pests

It is important to be aware of pest plants and animals in your neighbourhood. Residents can help keep these out of our natural areas. In Peacocke, we have committed to pest and predator control for the next 20 years to help our extensive areas of ecological restoration flourish. It will be in place to protect the new plantings, as well as reduce predation on the long-tailed bats and lizards and support a flourishing native bird population.

## Pest plants

One of the main challenges we face in our natural areas in Peacocke is the presence of weeds or pest plants that suffocate and out compete our native plants.

### Top tips:

- Always dispose of your green waste responsibly. Take it to the Hamilton Organic Centre (18 Wickham St, Frankton) or arrange a green waste collection with a private contractor.
- Avoid planting your garden with plants that may become pest plants. Keep an eye out for pest plants spreading out of control in your yard.
- If you see any weeds that look suspicious report it to Waikato Regional Council or on the Antenno app.

## Pest plants to avoid

- **Vines like ivy and moth plant.** They have the potential to smother plants and collapse forest canopies.
- **Weeds like tradescantia.** They blanket the ground and prevent native species from regenerating.
- **Alligator weed and yellow flag iris.** They can block waterways and change flow pathways.
- **Privet and woolly nightshade.** These can produce masses of seeds that help them spread prolifically through the city and out compete native plants.



## Pest animals

Our native species in New Zealand have evolved without mammalian predators, making them especially vulnerable when these animals arrived. Possums, rats, mice, hedgehogs, stoats, and weasels prey on native species. They can reduce species populations and cause considerable damage to breeding success, cause considerable damage to plants and destroy seeds.

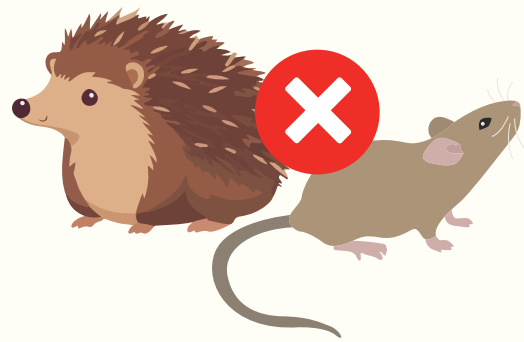
Predator control is very important for restoring the environment in Peacocke as the new community is developed. In built-up areas, control of pest animals is managed by us or specialised contractors as it needs special care and attention due to the potential hazards for domestic pets and young children.

Residents can check their property for signs of pest animals and if you think you may have some, backyard trapping is a great way to help keep predator numbers down.

### Top trapping tips:

- Place traps on tracks and trees where animals are likely to travel.
- Scuff the ground in front of traps to expose bugs and new scents.
- Vary the baits seasonally.
- Check your traps and refresh bait often to maximise catches.

Find out about pest plant and animal control in Hamilton's parks and open spaces here: [hamilton.govt.nz/pests-plants-and-animals](https://hamilton.govt.nz/pests-plants-and-animals).





# Getting from A to B

**We know from our Climate Change Action Plan that 64% of Hamilton's carbon emissions come from transport. So, our growth areas need to make it easier for people to choose different forms of transport.**

Peacocke is our newest greenfield growth area and is ideally located within Hamilton south. Peacocke's strategic transport network connects into Hamilton's wider network like the ring road along Wairere Drive and Te Awa Cycleway along the Waikato River. It's within easy reach of the central city, university, airport precinct, and hospital campus. With less distance to travel from Peacocke, this opens up a wider range of transport choices for people to make.

With much of Peacocke's medium and high density housing near public transport hubs and cycling and walking paths, we're supporting how people will get around the community and the city.

The benefits of Peacocke's transport network means people will have the opportunity to:

- have choice about how they choose to travel about the community and city
- lower emissions and lower the cost of living.

The design philosophy of the transport network in Peacocke has user safety at the forefront.

Parking in driveways provisions have been carefully thought about so that active modes of transport are safe.

## Public transport

Using a public bus for transport is a great way to travel in comfort while also caring for our environment and saving you the hassle of finding a car park. You can also combine walking, scooting, and taking the bus. This practical option is particularly useful for travelling to and from work or school, and has health, environmental, traffic, and road safety benefits. Learn more about catching city and regional buses at [busit.co.nz](https://busit.co.nz).



# Active and healthy lives

**Peacocke has been designed with best practice environmental and urban design at the forefront to provide a safe community where wellbeing of residents is enhanced so everyone can lead active, sustainable and happy lives.**

The Peacocke community will have a sports park, 16 neighbourhood parks, including open spaces with fitness equipment and 'play-on-the-way' spaces to enable healthy and active living. Local parks and open spaces will be created as new subdivisions are developed in Peacocke.

Peacocke has been designed with a focus on getting you where you need to go for education, work and play in an active way.

Where things will be and transport connections in Peacocke are designed to allow residents to access amenities such as shops and parks within a 10 minute walk, five minute bike or short public transport trip.

## **Parks and open spaces**

If you want to stretch your legs, take the whaanau to a playground or unwind with a picnic, you'll find a green space in every corner of Peacocke soon.

## **Sandford Park - Peacockes Road, Bader**

Sandford Park is a large, sprawling park with a multi-use adventure playground and biking and walking paths that connect to the Waikato River. It's a stones throw away from the Peacocke area and will be connected to new neighbourhoods by the shared pathway built on top of the wastewater pipeline in Peacocke, known as 'bikes on pipes'.

**Download the  
Nature in the  
City app today!**

**Explore Hamilton's  
nature and learn  
about our unique  
biodiversity.**





## **Fitzroy Park - Waterford Road, Fitzroy**

Fitzroy Park has a playground and bookable sports fields and facilities. The sports fields are mostly used for winter soccer matches and cricket in summer. There is a gully running alongside one edge of the park, which is part of the Mangakootukutuku gully and stream network.



## **Te Inuwai Park Playground - 2 Inuwai Street, Dixon Heights**

The first park to support the new neighbourhood in Peacocke was opened in 2021. It has a basketball half-court, flat grassed areas, and a playground with swings, slides and balance equipment. There are picnic areas, bike and scooter tracks, community gardens, and a drinking fountain. There is an existing community garden that's managed by the local kindergarten centre.





## Shared community gardens

A community garden is a small, shared gardening venture and we want to see these spaces in Peacocke where food is grown by and used for the community rather than for selling. Growing fruit and vegetables is a fun and affordable way of getting fresh food into meals. A neighbourhood garden can also help make sure the wider community has easy access to tasty, healthy food.

Look out for a local garden or orchard near your place in Peacocke. We've committed to future community orchards and gardens as part of future community parks in Peacocke.

Residents and the community are encouraged to start a shared community garden and can help in the following ways:

- connect in with organisations like Go Eco and EnviroSchools
- support the development of a local community garden network
- provide a space for community gardens that meets certain criteria
- help with awareness and getting the word out.

If you would like to start a community garden, find out more at [hamilton.govt.nz/apply-for-a-community-garden](https://hamilton.govt.nz/apply-for-a-community-garden).

A significant community garden will be delivered in the first stage of our infrastructure and community programme in Peacocke.



## The first community garden in Peacocke will have:

- accessible tool shed for supplies
- bee and insect plantings
- concrete paths for safe access and work spaces
- insect and lizard hotel logs to support local biodiversity
- community composting facilities so residents can contribute.

## Explore Peacocke and the city by bike

Hamilton and the new Peacocke neighbourhood is an ideal place to walk and bike around because it's mostly flat.

When the new Waikato River bridge and surrounding roads are open, on and off-road cycle paths will be available for the community. Separated underpasses at the Ohaupo Road and Peacockes Road roundabouts will help walkers and people on bikes navigate the area safely.







# A connected community

We're creating healthy, resilient and connected communities for Hamiltonians living in the city and newcomers to Hamilton Kirikiriroa. People are at the heart of our new community in Peacocke.

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## Celebrating our unique history and culture

He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing is the strategy which outlines our vision for a city that celebrates its special Maaori heritage, rich history, natural environmental wonders and ensures everyone has a voice in developing its future. Peacocke will celebrate the history of the area and support a connected community with te reo Maaori names for roads and spaces, Maaori art installations and cultural symbolism as part of a paa site (ancient settlement) for the community to access.

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## Support and services

Here are some resources to help you settle in to Peacocke and access community support and services. For more info visit [hamilton.govt.nz/community-support-and-funding](https://hamilton.govt.nz/community-support-and-funding).

### Our migrant community

Our Welcoming Plan is Hamilton's commitment to ensure our city and Peacocke neighbourhood is more open and accepting, building on existing efforts to embrace cultural diversity and inclusion. Find welcoming plans and other information at [hamilton.govt.nz/welcoming-communities](https://hamilton.govt.nz/welcoming-communities).

### Our 65+ community

We want Peacocke to be one of the friendliest places for those who are 65 and older to live. Find resources and support available for older people at [hamilton.govt.nz/our-65-community](https://hamilton.govt.nz/our-65-community).

### Our disabled community

We're committed to supporting our disabled community and ensuring people with impairments are catered for in Peacocke. Find our guide for families and diversity tool kit at [hamilton.govt.nz/our-disabled-community](https://hamilton.govt.nz/our-disabled-community).

### City Safe

We operate a public safety plan to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. The City Safe team works together to ensure Hamilton is a vibrant and safe city. The team also ensures anyone travelling by bus and using the Transport Centre feels safe.

### Neighbourhood support

Neighbourhood Support Hamilton work in your community to help make our homes, streets and communities safer and more caring places to live. For more information visit [neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz](https://neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz).

### Disaster preparedness and climate resilience

In the event of an emergency, you may need to look after yourself for at least three days before the emergency services can reach you.

The Peacocke Community Resilience Plan is available online for residents to learn how they can be prepared for emergencies and our changing climate. Learn more at [hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke](https://hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke).

Some useful information about how to prepare for an emergency can be found at [getready.govt.nz/prepared](https://getready.govt.nz/prepared).





## Local community facilities and events

Peacockes nearby facilities and other community spaces.

### Glenview Community Centre

-  12 Tomin Road, Glenview
-  07 843 2600
-  office@glenview.nz
-  [glenviewcommunitycentre.co.nz](http://glenviewcommunitycentre.co.nz)
-  GlenviewCommunityCentre




The Glenview Community Centre is in the heart of south-west Hamilton, only 5km from Peacocke. It brings together diverse sectors of our communities in Melville, Glenview, Fitzroy and Peacocke. As a hub for the community, it encourages people to participate in the various activities and services on offer along with working collaboratively on issues or in projects to create vibrant neighbourhoods.

### Hamilton City Libraries




With six branches across the city and more than 400,000 items on offer, local libraries close to Peacocke will provide access to a great range of books, DVDs, CDs, archives, magazines, newspapers, puzzles and much more!

-  /HamiltonCityLibraries
-  [hamiltonlibraries.co.nz](http://hamiltonlibraries.co.nz)  
for more information and events

### Mangakootukutuku - Glenview Library

-  MacDonald Road, Melville
-  07 838 6821
-  glenview.library@hcc.govt.nz

### Manga-o-Nua - Hillcrest Library

-  58 Masters Avenue, Hillcrest
-  07 838 6849
-  hillcrest.library@hcc.govt.nz

### Gallagher Aquatic Centre

-  20 Collins Road, Melville
-  07 958 5890
-  gallagheraquaticcentre@hcc.govt.nz
-  [hamiltonpools.co.nz](http://hamiltonpools.co.nz)  
for entry fees and opening hours

Gallagher Aquatic Centre in Melville is a community focused and friendly pool and fitness centre.

### Community events

Mangakootukutuku Gully, to bats at Your Neighbourhood events.

As Peacocke develops, events celebrating the area's cultural heritage will be created too. All with the aspiration to create a vibrant and connected community.



# Sustainability at home

## Building your house

Building a new house is one of the most costly decisions you will make in your lifetime. A new home, if built well, can last more than 100 years, so building it right the first time is important. The decisions you make around the size, orientation, and materials can have a significant impact on the long-term running costs of your home and its liveability.

## Why should I build more sustainably?

Building a more sustainable home is not just better for the planet, it's better for your health, happiness, and wallet. In Peacocke, our aim is for people to design a home that is more comfortable to live in, that will help you save on energy costs and will provide a better lifestyle.

When you are building your home, consider smart design decisions to create a home that is more sustainable. Homestar is a common independent rating tool that certifies the sustainability of New Zealand homes. The advice provided below aligns with the various design features that are considered in the Homestar rating system. Learn more about Homestar for new homes at [nzgbc.org.nz](http://nzgbc.org.nz).

## Save water

Water is our most precious resource and we're fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of water from source to tap. We're supporting schools, organisations and the community in Peacocke to value water and use it in an efficient way.

It's easy to start saving water around the house and in the garden, you find lots of useful ideas and handy hints on at [smartwater.org.nz](http://smartwater.org.nz).

### Top tips to save water inside:

- A shorter shower saves water and power.
- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth.
- Check your toilet doesn't leak.
- Choose water efficient appliances.
- When washing fruit and veggies use a bowl instead of a running tap and reuse the water on your pot plants.
- Hold off for a full load of washing.

### Save water outside by:

- Choose plants that can tolerate dry conditions.
- Mulch your plants.
- Let your lawn go brown in summer, it will bounce back in spring.
- Rainwater harvesting.





## Save energy

A warm and energy efficient home is so important for our health and wellbeing and it helps lower power bills and reduce emissions. There are plenty of things you can do to reduce your energy use – it's good for your wallet and the climate!

Get your home set up to save energy, emissions and dollars in the following ways:

### Insulation

The best step to a warmer, drier, healthier home is the right insulation. Make sure your home is insulated correctly.

### Efficient heating and cooling

How you heat and cool your home efficiently will mean you send less energy on these two important things. Look for efficient heat pumps for heating and cooling.

### Reducing moisture

Tackling dampness and ventilation creates a dry, healthy home that holds in the heat.

### Choose good appliances

Save your own energy – let efficient appliances do the hard work for you.

### Hot water

Around a third of the energy used by the average household is from hot water. Be more efficient with your hot water usage and consider more efficient hot water systems like like a heat pump.

### Build low-carbon

Lock in lower emissions when you buy, design or renovate your home. Look for materials that are locally made, use recycled materials and are energy and water efficient.

### Explore solar energy

Harnessing energy from the sun via solar panels is becoming cheaper and cheaper, and reduces both costs and emissions in the long-term.

### Explore smart home design

Homes are set to get smarter, so before you build look into energy-saving technology that will keep power bills down when you move in.

Learn how to save energy and emissions with Gen Less at [genless.govt.nz](https://genless.govt.nz).



**Harnessing free energy from the sun takes a big investment and careful thinking.**



## Your garden

A garden is an important part of your home and sustainable living.

### Sustainable garden and planting ideas:

- Native plants to contribute to local biodiversity.
- Bee and bird friendly plants.
- Fruit trees and vegetable gardens to help feed the family.
- Set up a home compost and worm farm to help reduce waste and provides fertiliser for your garden.



## When designing your outdoor space ask yourself the following questions:

How can I reduce the amount concrete and hard spaces in my garden?

Can I use alternatives like permeable paving, groundcovers or mulch?

Have I allowed enough space for my recycling and food waste bins?

Are my plants edible or good for birds, bees and other pollinators?

Can my planting help to increase native vegetation?

Is my garden drought and frost tolerant?

What about a rainwater tank?



### The types of trees and plants we recommend for Peacocke are:

- **Deciduous species** like Maple (*Acer japonicum* 'Osakazuki').
- **Evergreens** like Titoki (*Alectryon excelsus*).
- **Ecologically and culturally significant trees** like Kotututuku, tree fuchsia.
- **Grasses and flaxes** like Renga renga (*Arthropodium cirratum*).
- **Ground covers** like New Zealand Daphne (*Pimelea prostrata*).
- **Shrubs** like Hebe (*Hebe Wiri Cloud*).
- **Hedges** like Compact Pittosporum (*Pittosporum Sumo*).
- **Climbers** like Puawhananga (*Clematis paniculate*).

For more information and to read our Peacocke tree and planting guide, visit [hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke](https://hamilton.govt.nz/Peacocke).

### Top tips for planting:

**Species selection is important** so choose suitable plants for the climate and conditions.

**Consider the placement and space constraints to** create interest in the planting scheme with varied height and plant textures.

**Mulching will help** retain moisture in the soil, control soil temperature and reduce weed growth.

**Think about your watering needs** for plant establishment and then ongoing watering to suit the conditions and type of plants.



# Waste reduction, resource recovery and recycling

Reducing waste at every opportunity is something that we need to think about over the entire lifetime of a home and community. It starts with planning and designing your home, building, then living in your new home.

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## What's waste minimisation?

It's the practice of reducing the amount of waste we generate and dispose of. Its main goal is to achieve a more sustainable way of living that will ensure the future of our planet.

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## Designing your space

People thinking about building in Peacocke will need to consider sustainable resource recovery and waste in your home design. You'll need to consider and design for how you'll manage your waste and recycling at home. Being efficient with space and resources alongside excellent design will mean your new home is more sustainable and set up for recycling from the start.

### Did you know?

Community gardens and composting facilities are part of future plans for public areas in Peacocke. So you can plan for these at home and you'll have access to them nearby in Peacocke.

Some important things to understand during your new build design could be:

- where your recycling bins will be and will it be easy to take them out each week
- can you incorporate a compost bin in your yard and
- what size worm farm would be suitable in your garden.

Check out our hand Design for waste guide at [hamilton.govt.nz/design-for-waste-guide](https://hamilton.govt.nz/design-for-waste-guide).





## Building your new place

Designing out waste in construction and site waste planning will help with the minimising waste when you are building a new house in Peacocke.

Did you know building and construction waste accounts for more than 50% of the waste going to landfill in Hamilton? That's why it is so important to try and reduce waste when building a house!

Read our Building without waste guide at [fightthelandfill.co.nz/building-development](https://fightthelandfill.co.nz/building-development).

Waste reduction can be considered at every step of the home build process. Here's what to ask your builder and contractors:

- **What's the plan for waste?** Ask if a Site Waste Plan (SWP) has been developed for your project.
- **How they are reducing waste?** What's happening on site during your build to reduce waste
- **How will the site be set up?** Can waste be sorted and stored for reuse, recycling and recovery?
- **Do they have a culture of waste reduction?** Will they incorporate waste reduction into sub-contractor management?

## A low waste home and recycling

You can have a low waste home if you try composting, make the most of recycling and reducing what goes to landfill from your home.

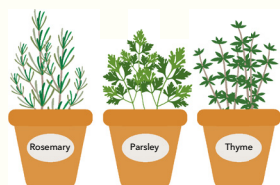
Easy way to reduce waste and recycle:

- **Choose better products** that have less waste that needs to be thrown out and other things that can be recycled.
- **Don't use bin liners** in your wheelie bins - save the waste and cost of plastic liners by going completely bag-free.
- Go on **Antenno** or [fightthelandfill.co.nz](https://fightthelandfill.co.nz) to find out what your rubbish and recycling collection day is.
- **Visit the Lincoln Street Resource Recovery Centre** to dispose of waste responsibly. Only 7km from Peacocke, this is where waste is taken to be repurposed, reused, recovered and recycled - all in the effort to reduce what is sent to landfill.

Community composting facilities will be available at community garden sites and park areas for residents to take their green and food waste.



**Don't  
use  
bin  
liners**



## Top tips for spaces around your house:

### Kitchen

- Grow your own fresh herbs at home - this will pack in some flavour while also saving on packaging.
- Swap hard-to-recycle plastic wrap for reusable beeswax wraps to keep food fresh - you can even make your own.
- Repurpose takeaway containers to store leftovers in the fridge for lunch the next day, or freezing for a later date.

### Bathroom

- Swap plastic shampoo and shower gel bottles for shampoo and soap bars. These can often be found package-free in bulk bin stores.
- Replace disposable razors with safety razors, which allow you to change the blade (once it's blunt) but keep everything else, saving on the waste.
- Use a regularly-washed flannel instead of disposable make-up removal wipes, or use repurposed old textiles, plus a removal lotion.

### Wardrobes

- Buy second-hand clothing wherever possible. There are a variety of 'op shops' across Hamilton, and your money will go towards a great cause.
- Donate clothing items that you no longer need or wear - it's far better than sending them to landfill, and charities are always grateful to receive good quality, re-sellable items.
- Check a friend's wardrobe instead of buying new. There are also plenty of garment rental services online.

### Pantry

- Check cupboards and make a list before shopping to avoid food waste.
- Avoid multi-pack items and buy in bulk. It's less wasteful and usually cheaper.
- Re-use jars, containers and bags to buy package-free produce at supermarkets and bulk bin stores.
- Lots of supermarkets also accept containers for deli items too.

### Laundry and cleaning

- Make your own cleaner from some basic pantry ingredients and citrus scraps - check out this recipe.
- Swap paper towels for reusable cleaning cloths, or repurpose old textiles.
- Refill laundry detergents and soaps at bulk bin stores. Just take your own container and weigh it first.

### Nursery

- Ditch the disposables and try reusable nappies. They're easy to use and will save you a heap of money in the long run.
- Join a local toy library like [toylibrary.co.nz](https://toylibrary.co.nz) where you can hire puzzles, games, etc., rather than buying new.
- Instead of the latest toy or gadget for a birthday or Christmas, consider a museum, zoo, aquarium or other experience-based gift that your child would enjoy.



**Ditch the disposables!**






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