

Silt Recovery Taskforce guide:

Managing waste

The Silt Recovery Taskforce is supporting landowners working to clean up their property by collecting silt, mixed waste, and debris from their property as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle.

This infosheet tells you about the process of managing mixed waste, getting it collected, and how it will be processed.

REQUESTING A COLLECTION OF MIXED WASTE

If you need mixed waste (e.g. household waste, wire, tanalised timber) collected from your property and it is in a pile ready for collection, you can log it by calling 0800 108 838 or head to the Regional Council website at [hbrc.info/silt](https://www.hbrc.info/silt) to fill in an online request form.

For information on funds available to support you visit the [Hawke's Bay Funding website](#). A specific [sediment and silt recovery fund for commercial entities](#) is open for applications until 31 August (more info can be found on our website [hbrc.info/silt](https://www.hbrc.info/silt)). Volunteer support can be found through the [Enhanced Taskforce Green](#).



We have developed a list of [authorised contractors](#) (which is on our website [hbrc.info/silt](https://www.hbrc.info/silt)) with agencies like Insurance Council NZ, EQC and other councils to further support landowners and minimize double handling. This is a list of contractors a landowner can engage to undertake the required clean-up work on their property. The contractor will scope the job, and advise you on the clean-up process, with may be a combination of on-property sorting, and separating and/or removal of mixed piles to the relevant sites.

What happens once it's collected

Once collected the mixed waste will be transported to one of our processing sites which will screen and remove the silt from the waste. Once separated, tested and confirmed clean, the silt will be taken to a silt deposit site.

The mixed waste will be sorted into categories and recycled where possible. For example, we are working with an organisation to turn damaged rainwater tanks into fence posts. Our goal is to recycle or reuse as much as we can, and send as little as possible to the landfill.

The challenge to set this up has delayed our collection of silt mixed with debris, and we appreciate the patience of the community.