

Leading up to and during the November 2025 Election, Pownal residents had the opportunity to fill out a Solid Waste & Recycling survey.

- The survey functioned both as an educational opportunity for residents by sharing information on Casella hauling costs and ecomaine tipping fees and as an opportunity for them to select their ideal long-term option, rank their highest and lowest priorities, and provide additional comments.

To review the survey format, see: [Pownal Solid Waste Survey Example Sheet](#)

To review all survey responses, see: [Pownal Solid Waste & Recycling Survey Results](#)

A brief summary of the results:

- **Strong Support for Current System:** 91% of respondents who selected one of the three standard options (204 people) prefer to continue with the current Casella roadside collection system rather than switching to a Transfer Station model.
- **Convenience Over Cost:** 177 respondents chose convenience as their top priority, while only 22 respondents ranked cost to taxpayers as their highest priority. There were also concerns that opening a Transfer Station would be more expensive while less convenient.
- **Essential Service:** In comments, people viewed trash collection as a core municipal service, comparing it to road maintenance and snow plowing.