Silt Recovery Taskforce

INFOSHEET: TREATED TIMBER POSTS & WIRE

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 Garbrielle. The Taskforce was set up jointly between Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council and has put systems in place to manage silt, debris, and waste to keep as much as possible away from the landfill.

This infosheet tells you about how tanalised or treated timber posts and wire will be managed and how to request collection.

Managing tanalised or treated timber posts and wire

There is a significant amount of damaged tanalised or treated timber posts and wire from horticultural and viticultural properties. While thousands of these posts have been collected since the cyclone, the Taskforce has now partnered with Repost.co.nz to repurpose these posts into Sustainable Fencing to be reused.

Repost repurpose broken posts by grading them, removing nails, clips and plastic, cutting them to size and then bundling them up ready for farmers' fence lines.

Cost of repurposing posts and wire

The Taskforce will pay for the cost of posts that can be collected and then reused elsewhere in the community. The Taskforce is working with groups like Federated Farmers to set up a post distribution system to landowners that need them. We will have more information shortly on how this will work.

Where a landowner wants their posts to be reused on their property, they will need to cover the cost of repurposing. Typically, it costs $4.50 per post to repurpose based on 1000 posts per day, significantly cheaper than the estimated $19 to dispose one post at landfill.

Getting posts and wire collected

To register your interest for your posts and wires to be collected and have Repost provide you with a quote please contact Repost at customerservice@repost.co.nz or call Greg on 027 2511124 or Liam on 022 525 0130.

Here is an example from Repost of what the posts look like before collection and after repurposing them.