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How much does a rubbish bin collection cost in Cocos (Keeling) Islands?

Earlier this year, the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands increased the residents' rubbish bin collection fee by 55 per cent while government agencies received a 1,200 per cent rise. The annual cost of a bin collection on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands is now \$580 for residents and almost \$5,000 for public agencies.

How much does a bin collection cost on the Cocos Islands?

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Where can I buy food in Cocos Keeling Islands?

You can buy a small range of groceries from local supermarketson both West Island and Home Island but please note that fresh produce is limited. Most food can be brought into the Cocos Keeling Islands, except tomato and capsicum stems, fresh honey and homegrown produce.

Are the Cocos (Keeling) Islands littered with rubbish?

A study published by the University of WA last year found the Cocos (Keeling) Islands were among the most heavily affected by beached waste in the Indian Ocean. Studies have estimated the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are littered with hundreds of tonnes of rubbish. (Supplied: Silke Stuckenbrock)

Does Australia Post ship to Cocos Keeling Islands?

Australia Post has a postal agency on both West Island and Home Island. These are open on weekdays, over varying hours. Express Mail is dispatched and received on Cocos Keeling Islands every second Friday, weather and freight loads depending. Is it safe? Yes! Families love the Cocos Keeling Islands; kids can safely roam free and explore.

What are the Cocos (Keeling) Islands?

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands consist of the main atoll of Cocos, and the isolated North Keeling (Pulu Keeling) which is Australia's smallest Commonwealth National Park.

Darwin made a number of insightful observations on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, but he was particularly pleased because he felt that shoreline erosion and undercutting of coconut trees on West Island supported his theory that the atoll was slowly subsiding.

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Cocos is made up of 27 coral islands, with only two - West Island and Home Island - inhabited, forming two

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distinct atolls. West Island is the administrative and tourist hub, while Home Island is where most of the Cocos Malay community lives.

Cocos Keeling Administration: housing on West Island (except for private dwellings), airport, inter-island ferry services, utilities (tendered to West Australia Water Corporation). Cocos Keeling Shire: maintains homes on Home Island.

Please help us care for our incredible Cocos Keeling Islands environment and marine life. Your hosts will advise you on recycling but if bringing food items, please be mindful of packaging and take your keepcup, and water bottle.

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