WASTE AND RECYCLING GUIDE

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You can make a big difference to the amount of waste going to landfill by putting items in the right bin.

It’s all about being aware of the waste you create and how to dispose of it correctly. After all, much of what we throw away can be used to create new products. So start with a simple change, and lift the right lid.

This handy guide will help you recycle and dispose of everyday products and household items in a safe and environmentally responsible way.

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\textbf{Did you know?}
Each year the average household of four creates enough waste to fill a three-bedroom house from floor to ceiling.
DOING THE RIGHT THING MEANS MORE FOR YOU

Here are a few simple tips to help you reduce the amount of waste that you create.

After all, avoiding the creation of waste is better than recycling it.

And doing the right thing means more for you and your community.

The less waste you send to landfill, the more money Council can invest in community infrastructure, such as playgrounds, footpaths, roads, library services and events, which is a win for everyone.

AVOID WASTE IN THE FIRST PLACE
1. Repair before replacing.
2. Choose items that are not packaged in plastic or netting.
3. Say no to items you do not want or need, such as junk mail and promotional items.

SWAP SINGLE-USE ITEMS FOR REUSABLE
4. Use cloth shopping bags, and reusable coffee cups, drink bottles, cutlery and straws.
5. Reuse wrapping paper and gift bags.

REDUCE WHAT YOU THROW AWAY
6. Buy, swap, sell or donate unwanted items.
7. Make the most of your leftovers. Turn them into something new or enjoy them for lunch the next day.

RECYCLE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN
8. Look for products that are compostable or recyclable.
9. Set up a compost bin and worm farm and turn your food scraps into nutrient-rich compost.
10. Lift the right lid. Place the right items in the right bin.

YOUR THREE BIN SYSTEM

The City of Tea Tree Gully provides every household with a red-lid general waste bin and a yellow-lid recycling bin. Residents are required to buy their own green organics bin.

Red-lid general waste bin
Your red-lid general waste bin is collected weekly and is for general household items that cannot be recycled. Everything you put in this bin is sent to landfill.

Yellow-lid recycling bin
Your yellow-lid recycling bin is collected fortnightly and is for recyclable household items. Everything you put in this bin can be turned into something new.

Green organics bin
Your green organics bin is collected fortnightly and is for organic material. Everything you put in this bin can be turned into high-quality nutrient-rich compost.
YOUR YELLOW-LID RECYCLING BIN
Feed it all your recyclables.

Using your yellow-lid recycling bin is a great way to save resources, water and energy.

The materials you place in your yellow-lid recycling bin are taken to specialist facilities where they are sorted for processing into new products.

Putting incorrect items in the yellow-lid recycling bin can cause problems during sorting, and could also see an entire truckload of recyclables sent to landfill.

What to put in your recycling bin:

- All types of paper and cardboard, including magazines, pamphlets, notepads, envelopes, office paper, egg cartons and cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Rigid plastic bottles and containers (rinsed and lids off), including drink bottles, shampoo and detergent bottles, yoghurt, ice cream and butter containers, and plastic plant pots
- Paperboard juice and milk cartons (rinsed and flattened)
- Aluminium and steel cans, trays and foil wrapping (rinsed)
- Plastic and metal lids contained within a larger container made from the same material
- Empty aerosol cans
- Metal pots and pans
- Plastic toys (batteries removed)
- Glass bottles and jars (rinsed and lids off)

Keep it loose
Your recyclables cannot be sorted if they are put in plastic bags. Plastic bags can also cause problems with the processing machinery. So keep your recyclable items loose in the bin.

WHAT TO DO WITH SOFT PLASTICS
Clean single-use plastic bags, wraps and films, such as shopping bags, cling film, lolly and biscuit packets, fresh fruit and vegetable bags, frozen food bags and bread bags, can all be recycled through REDcycle drop-off bins.
redcycle.net.au

REDcycle soft plastics collection points in the City of Tea Tree Gully:
- Woolworths Tea Tree Plaza
- Woolworths Modbury Heights
- Woolworths Para Hills
- Woolworths Golden Grove
- Woolworths Gilles Plains
- Coles Tea Tree Plaza
- Coles St Agnes
- Coles Dernancourt
YOUR GREEN ORGANICS BIN
Feed it all of your food scraps and organic material.

If it once grew, it can go into your green organics bin. That’s right, all food scraps, along with your lawn clippings, weeds and garden prunings, tissues and paper towels, are good to go in this bin. This material will then be turned into high-quality nutrient-rich compost.

Composting green organics releases less greenhouse gases than burying it in landfill and is the only choice for a better environment.

What to put in your green organics bin:
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat scraps, bones, seafood and eggshells
- Dairy items
- Pizza boxes, tea bags and coffee grounds
- Paper towels, serviettes and tissues
- Shredded paper and paper bags
- Nail clippings and hair
- Lawn clippings, leaves and weeds
- Small prunings and cuttings
- Pet poo (unbagged)

MAKE IT EASIER WITH A MINI MUNCHER
This convenient benchtop bin allows you to recycle organic material and food scraps with ease.

Best of all, your FREE Mini Muncher comes with a year’s supply of compostable bags which can be used to line your Mini Muncher and collect your food scraps, which can then be put in the green organics bin.

Compostable bags only
Only use compostable bags in your green organics bin. Additional rolls of compostable bags can be collected from:
- Civic Centre
- Golden Grove Recreation and Arts Centre
- Turramurra Recreation Centre

Did you know?
By placing all of your food scraps in your green organics bin, the amount of household waste going to landfill could be reduced by more than 40%.
YOUR RED-LID GENERAL WASTE BIN

Everything you feed it goes to landfill.

You can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by avoiding unnecessary packaging, reusing or repurposing items, and recycling.

By reducing the amount of waste you put in your red-lid general waste bin, you will not only help the environment, you will also help save precious resources that can be turned into new products.

What to put in your general waste bin:
- ✔ Single-use nappies
- ✔ Single-use coffee cups
- ✔ Rags and clothing that cannot be reused
- ✔ Ceramic and glass kitchenware
- ✔ Wine bladders
- ✔ Foam and polystyrene cups, trays and packaging
- ✔ Ropes and hoses
- ✔ Video tapes
- ✔ Kitty litter crystals
- ✔ Rubbish bags

Do the scrunch test!
Single-use plastic bags, wraps and films, which can be scrunched into a ball, can be recycled through REDcycle drop-off bins at your local supermarket. redcycle.net.au

HAZARDOUS ITEMS DO NOT BELONG IN YOUR BIN

Hazardous items cannot be placed in your red-lid general waste bin. Instead, these items can be taken to drop-off points for specialised recycling and disposal.

To find out more about disposing of these items visit cttg.sa.gov.au/waste

Common hazardous household items that do not belong in your bins:
- • Electronic items and batteries
- • Building and construction material
- • Fluorescent light globes and tubes
- • Oil, chemicals, poisons and paint
- • Medical waste
- • Flares, ammunition and explosives
- • Car parts
- • Gas cylinders
DOES IT HAVE A CORD OR BATTERY?
Take it to a free recycling hub.
Like other recyclables, e-waste contains valuable resources, such as gold and copper, that can be reused. The recovered resources are then used as raw materials in the manufacture of new products.

Household batteries, printer cartridges and mobile phones can be recycled using the drop-off station in the foyer of the City of Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre in Modbury.

TVs, computers, monitors, projectors, printers, including parts and accessories can be taken to our regular Enviro Care Sunday events for recycling.

Electronic Recycling Australia also have recycling hubs for selected electronic devices. Visit electronicrecyclingaustralia.com.au

Make a positive change
Drop off your end-of-life light globes at the checkout counter at any Banner, Mitre 10 and True Value hardware stores.

NOW YOU CAN Recycle old or unwanted paint
Trade and household painters can dispose of old or unwanted paint and packaging for free at Paintback collection events.
You can bring up to 100 litres of paint per visit, secured in containers of 20 litres or less.
It’s a great way to declutter your shed or garage. And it is also good for the environment.
For dates and full list of what is and is not accepted, visit cttg.sa.gov.au/paintback

TOO BIG TO GO IN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS BIN?
The City of Tea Tree Gully provides residents with a free recycling drop-off event for green organic waste, some e-waste and other items on selected Sundays throughout the year.

You can bring these items:
• Leaves, lawn cuttings and branches (up to 20cm in diameter)
• E-waste (TVs, computers, monitors, projectors, printers, including parts and accessories)
• Metal (including copper and alloy)
• Engine oil (up to a maximum of 20 litres)
• Lead-acid vehicle batteries
• Plastic garden pots
For dates and full list of what is and is not accepted, visit cttg.sa.gov.au/enviro
HARD WASTE
It’s not hard to book a free collection.

Residents can book up to two free hard waste collections per calendar year, and you can put out up to two cubic metres (2m x 1m x 1m) of waste per collection.

A booking can be made at any time, subject to availability.


If you see it, report it
Items left on public or private land, that are not part of a booked hard waste collection, are considered illegal dumping.

To report illegal dumping, call 8397 7444 or visit cttg.sa.gov.au/dumping

Keep it tidy
Put your items neatly on the nature strip clear of the footpath and road the day before collection.

Items you can put out for hard waste collection:

- Furniture and bedding
- Whitegoods, including fridges, freezers, washing machines, stoves and dryers, all with lids and doors removed
- Electrical equipment excluding TVs and computers, which can be taken to Enviro Care Sunday
- Scrap metal and timber items up to 1.5m in length
- Tools and gardening equipment
- Carpets and lino rolled and tied with rope
- Kitchenware, including pottery and crockery
- Pallets (broken and bundled)
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