

The recycling trouble-shooter



Plastic bottles and containers?

Plastic bottles and containers with or symbols are collected by most Councils.

Many also accept and/or

Check with your Council if unsure.



Pizza boxes?

EMPTY pizza boxes can be recycled, so put them in your paper recycling.



Plastic bags?

Plastic bags are the worst kind of contamination. Never put them in your recycling bin.



Sharps?

Syringes cannot be recycled and must be disposed of in special sharps bins. Do not put syringes in your recycling bin.

Broken glass, crockery, mirrors?

Only recycle glass bottles and jars. Broken glass and crockery should be placed carefully in your garbage bin.



Paint tins?

If they are empty and dry, remove lids and place in kerbside recycling bin. Otherwise visit www.cleanout.com.au for a drop-off location.



Oil?

Engine oil can be recycled, with drop-off facilities available at most waste management centres. Call the Environment Line on 131 555.

For more information visit

www.environment.nsw.gov.au
www.livingthing.net.au

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Easy recycling guide

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4 tips to be a super recycler

Australians love to recycle. In fact we are one of the best recycling nations in the world. Here are some tips to help.

Recycling saves resources that would otherwise be dumped into landfill. It also saves energy and water and reduces carbon pollution.



1 Sort it ALL out

It's simple. By separating the stuff that can be recycled from waste we are helping our environment.



Glass jars and bottles



Aluminium cans



Steel cans



All kinds of paper and cardboard



Plastic bottles



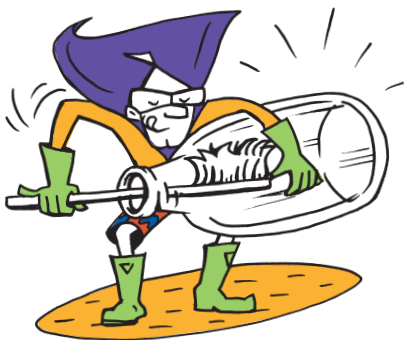
2 Reject plastic bags

Australians use and throw away about 4 billion plastic bags every year. These bags are not accepted in your kerbside recycling bin but can be recycled at most supermarkets.



Hint

- ✓ Choose a super-market that takes back plastic bags.
- ✓ Take your own reusable bag with you when shopping and keep one in your car and bag and you'll never be caught short again.



3 Keep it clean

Lightly rinse out any container that still has food in it. Don't waste water – use the water left over from washing the dishes.

Dirty loads mean recyclables can be rejected. They can also attract vermin to your bin and can be very unpleasant for workers at the sorting plant.

4 Buy it back

Being a good recycler is one thing, but you can be a great recycler by buying things made from recycled material.

Look for recycled content in things you buy like plastic containers, packaging, boxes, toilet paper, wrapping and copy paper.



Caps off!

Caps are made from a different plastic to the bottles: they can't be recycled.

So take them off and put them in the garbage.



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