



Recycling Matters

How to Recycle Right in WA.

In WA our recycling centres are ready and able to take your recyclables. As councils and our recycling industries adjust to China's severe import restrictions, which focus on maximum contamination levels, our Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operators in Perth have agreed on a common list of what should and shouldn't be put into our recycling bins.

Please use this guide to help you recycle right. It is important that we all do our bit to make sure we continue recycling

Which bin do I put it in?

You should put these into your yellow-topped bin:

- Paper (excluding shredded paper)
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Glass (clean and empty, broken glass also accepted)
- Plastic containers and plastic bottles (clean and empty).
- Aluminium cans
- Steel cans (clean and empty).

If in doubt, put it in your general waste bin!

Remember these things must **not** go into your yellow-topped bin:

- NO material in bags (recyclables should be placed loose in the bin).
- NO plastic bags and light plastic film.
- NO nappies.
- NO clothes or other textiles.
- NO food or garden waste.
- NO building waste.
- NO gas bottles.
- NO ropes, cables and garden hose pipes.
- NO polystyrene.

If you want to know more about how to dispose of specific items then check the [A-Z guide](#) on the [Earth Carers website](#)

Please note: this information is correct as of 2nd July 2018. This sheet will be updated as new information becomes available



So what can you do to help?

Recycle!

Follow this simple list and help reduce contamination in our recycling. If in doubt, put it in your general waste bin! Recycling is a simple way to help the environment. Using recycled materials involves less energy and resources than using virgin materials. There are also significant economic opportunities for the Western Australian community - for every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, 9.2 full time equivalent jobs are created compared to only 2.8 jobs when waste is landfilled.

Keep your recycling clean and lids removed.

For items to be recycled correctly we need clean, uncontaminated recyclables. Give your containers a rinse and remove lids before placing loose into your yellow-topped bin.

Don't bag your recyclables and no soft plastics

Save recyclables from being sent to landfill, don't bag your recyclables. Soft plastics such as plastic bags don't belong in the yellow-topped recycling bin. Recycle your soft plastics in a REDcycle bin at selected supermarkets. Find your nearest drop-off point at www.redcycle.net.au

Keep contaminants out of recycling.

No food, no textiles, no plastic bags.

It is important we put the right things in the right bin to ensure they are recycled right! It's a team effort but together we can improve recycling quality in WA.

Did you know?

95% less resources and energy are used when you recycle an aluminium can, compared to producing a new one.

By using a reusable coffee cup every day instead of a disposable one, you can avoid creating 1kg of plastic waste a year!

Join the War on Waste.

Why not learn how to create less waste and join one of our exciting workshops? The Western Metropolitan Regional Council's Waste Education Program hosts a range of free workshops to give you the skills to live waste free.

Our ever popular Earth Carers' Course runs twice a year and is a great way to learn how to live with less waste. We also host a range of composting and worm farm workshops within the areas of Cottesloe, Claremont, Subiaco, Mosman Park and Peppermint Grove. For more information visit www.earthcarers.org.au

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