Waste

What is it?
WASTE RECOVERED, LANDFILLED AND GENERATED, 2003-04 TO 2010-11, PER YEAR, TONNES


8.4 million tonnes (68%) recovered (2010-11)
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Why do we care about landfills?

What it means to you?
Leachate

Rainfall

Landfill gas

groundwater

groundwater
LANDFILL

- Leachate
- Landfill gas
What you can (and can't) recycle

Recycling is important, but how we recycle is equally important.

Putting the wrong items in the wrong bins can result in all sorts of problems once your recycling has been collected.

What can be recycled?
Recyclable in your home recycling bin

**Metal**
- Aerosol cans (including deodorant)
- Aluminium foil baking trays
- Baby formula tins
- Cooking oil tins
- Food and drink cans
- Pet food cans

**Paper and Cardboard**
- Butcher / Deli paper
- Cartons (Milk, juice etc)
- Cereal boxes
- Envelopes
- Long life cartons
- Junk mail, newspapers and magazines
- Paper plates
- Phone books
- Pizza boxes
- Toilet rolls
- Wrapping paper
- Washing powder boxes
Glass

- Bottles and jars (food, drink, vitamins and medicine)

Plastic

- Cake and biscuit trays*
- Cleaning product bottles
- Deodorant (roll on)*
- Drink bottles (juice, milk)
- Punnets (berry)
- Shampoo, conditioner and soap bottles (incl. pumps)
- Sports drink bottles (reusable)*
- Take away food containers*
- Yoghurt containers

* Accepted in most areas – check with your local council.
Recyclable at other sites

- **Plastic shopping bags**
  Check with your council or recycle in plastic bag collection bins at major supermarkets. [Find locations](#)

- **Soft plastic packaging (cling wrap, frozen vegetable bags, lolly wrappers)**
  Check with your council or recycle in plastic bag collection bins at major supermarkets. [Find locations](#)

- **Polystyrene**
  Recycle at drop off sites around Victoria. [Find locations](#)

- **Batteries**
  Recycle at drop off sites around Victoria. [Find locations](#)

- **Paint**
  Recycle at drop off sites around Victoria. [Find locations](#)

- **Toxic chemicals**
  Recycle at a Detox Your Home collection. [Find locations](#)

- **E-waste**
  Recyclable in some councils only. [Find locations](#)
Not recyclable in your home recycling bin

- Pens
- Broken crockery, glass homewares, Pyrex

The top items we get wrong

Coffee cups

In most areas of Victoria, the hard plastic lid can be recycled but the coffee cup itself should be put in the rubbish bin. Most cups are a mix of plastic and paper and only a few councils in Victoria can currently collect them for recycling. Check with your council or better still, take a reusable cup!

Plastic bags

Recycle by taking to a plastic bag collection bin at your local Coles or Woolworths supermarkets.

Some local councils, including Boroondara, Cardinia, Hobsons Bay and Moreland can accept plastic bags in your household recycling bin – check your council website for details. A better option is to carry a reusable bag to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags.

Foil

Recyclable when scrunched in a ball larger than a golf ball, which allows the foil to be sorted correctly. Aluminium is almost indefinitely recyclable.

Soft plastics (plastic wrappers, cling wrap)

Any soft plastic that can be scrunched into a ball can be recycled along with your plastic bags at the sites mentioned above. Buying products without excess plastic packaging or using reusable containers will help to reduce plastic waste.
Council waste and recycling

Household paint, batteries and fluorescent lights can be dropped off for free. Check with your local council for details.

Find your council
Bayside Waste Transfer and Recycling Centre
Hume Resource Recovery Centre
Darebin Resource Recovery Centre
Knox Transfer Station
Melton Recycling Facility
Nillumbik Recycling and Recovery Centre
Outlook Waste Transfer and Recycling Centre (Hampton Park)
Sunbury Landfill Resource Recovery Centre
Recycle right in every room

Items for recycling can be found in each of the rooms throughout your home.

Recycling is managed by your local council and accepted items can change over time. For the latest information about what can be recycled in your area, check with your local council.

All items must be empty and free of food scraps.

Select a room from the list below for a list of recyclables:

► Bathroom
► Kitchen
► Laundry
► Living room
Make sure items are empty

Items don't need to be spotless but you do need to remove any food, like baked-on cheese and excessive oil from kitchen recyclables.

Keep recycling out of plastic bags

Never put your recycling in plastic bags – it won't be able to be sorted correctly so may end up in landfill.
what to REDcycle

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill.

do the scrunch test!

If it's soft plastic and CAN be scrunched into a ball, it can be placed in a REDcycle drop off bin.

If it's not plastic, or it's plastic that CAN'T be scrunched into a ball, it cannot be recycled via REDcycle*
YES PLEASE!

Here’s a quick guide to some of the most commonly recycled items:

- bread bags
- biscuit packets, wrapper only
- paper goods packaging
- pasta & rice bags
- frozen food & veggie bags
- confectionery bags
- plastic bags
- old green bags
- cereal box liners

NO THANKS!

We cannot accept:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers
- Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- Glass
- Rubber
- Paper and cardboard
- Tin cans
- Food waste

For a full list of what cannot be accepted by REDcycle, see below.

*If it can’t be accepted by REDcycle, contact your local council to check if it can go in your roadside collection bin.*
how to REDcycle

1. collect

2. drop

3. recycle
YES PLEASE!

- Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)
- Bread bags (without the tie)
- Bubble wrap (large sheets cut into A3 size pieces)
- Cat and dog food pouches (as clean and dry as possible)
- Cereal box liners
- Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)
- Chocolate and snack bar wrappers
- Cling Wrap - free of food residue
- Confectionery bags
- Dry pet food bags
- Fresh produce bags
- Frozen food bags
- Green bags (Polypropylene Bags)
- Ice cream wrappers
- Large sheets of plastic that furniture comes wrapped in (cut into A3 size pieces)
- Netting produce bags (any metal clips removed)
- Newspaper and magazine wrap
- Pasta bags
- Plastic Australia Post satchels
- Plastic carrier bags from all stores
- Plastic film wrap from grocery items such as nappies and toilet paper
- Plastic sachets
Potting mix and compost bags - both the plastic and woven polypropylene types (cut into A3 size pieces and free of as much product as possible)
Rice bags - both plastic and the woven type (if large, cut into A3 size pieces)
Snap lock bags / zip lock bags
Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)
Wine bladders - clear plastic ones only
Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible.
NO THANKS!

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers
- Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- Adhesive tape
- Blister packs, tablets and capsule packaging
- Blow up pools and pool toys - plastic or PVC
- Bread bag tags
- Cellophane from bunches of flowers
- Christmas tinsel and Christmas trees
- Coffee bags
- Cooler bags
- Disposable food handling gloves of any variety
- Drinking straws
- Film negatives and x-rays
- Foam or polystyrene of any kind
- Foil / Alfoil of any kind
- Food waste
- Glass
- Laminated materials and overhead transparencies
- Medical waste materials
- Paper and cardboard
- Paper post packs
- Plastic/clear vinyl packaging from sheets and doonas etc
Plastic packaging that has contained meat
Plastic strapping used for securing boxes and pallets
Powdered milk packets, made of foil
Rubber, rubber gloves, latex
Tarpaulins
Tin cans
VHS Tape
Wet plastic materials as mould is a problem for us
Wine bladders - foil based
Wrapping paper and cardboard, ribbons or bows
Facebook users can also search for ‘buy, sell, swap’ or ‘freecycle’ Facebook groups operating in their local areas.
What FREE stuff are you looking for?

All Categories  Search all Keywords  Suburb  50km  Search
Welcome To Oz Recycle - The Australian Recyclers Community

The Oz Recycle Community is an Australian

Latest Oz Recycle Listings

- Upholstery project ... using a Moran hardwood framed 3 piece (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / FURNITURE) 2018-04-29
- Moving house - surplus kitchen supplies (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / APPLIANCES) 2018-04-28
- My furniture needs a good home (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / FURNITURE) 2018-04-17
- Ikea TV concol (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / FURNITURE) 2018-04-12
- Wall Units x 4, entertainment unit plus lounges (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / FURNITURE) 2018-04-10
- Hallway runner (ITEMS WANTED / FURNITURE) 2018-04-10
- BBQ (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / APPLIANCES) 2018-04-04
- 2 seater sofa (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / FURNITURE) 2018-04-03
- Old water damaged piano (FREE TO TAKE AWAY / MUSIC) 2018-04-01

ENDS

Find items with No Bids

Ending Soon on eBay with NO BIDS

SMALL-SHIP CRUISING AT ITS BEST

BONUS: US$400 ONBOARD CREDIT

Voyages Intimates

sxt.com.au/Car-Rental/Europe

Sixt Rent a Car - Book now and save
Wanted: Good Home For Unwanted Gifts

Date: 19-Jan-12

Finding a new home for your unwanted gifts means that the natural resources and labour that went into making the item won't be wasted - and neither will your cupboard space! Here are some handy tips for swapping, selling or giving away your gifts.

Give It To Charity

Donating your unwanted gifts to charity helps re-use valuable resources and supports their great work. It's important, however, to check that the charity accepts your items. Some charities only accept clothes, while others may also accept books, bric-a-brac, other household items, electrical items or even furniture. Find your local charity stores here.

As well as your local charity store there are a range of other options for clothes. Dress For Success and Fitted Work are both Australian-based programs that help disadvantaged women find and keep work. Along with mentoring and transition to work programs they provide free professional clothing. Uplift Bras collects new and second hand bras and sends them wherever needed, especially developing countries.

Give It Away or Sell It

Regifting is a concept as old as the hills, but if you can't think of a suitable candidate you personally know, the