

# Waste and resource recovery guide



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# Household waste management

The City of Swan is committed to improving our environment now and into the future. Residents can help us achieve this by avoiding unnecessary waste, correctly sorting materials, reusing items and recycling responsibly.

All Western Australians are encouraged to be GREAT Sorts. The Waste Authority's Be a GREAT Sort campaign focuses on five priority behaviours:



Visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/bins](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/bins) to see how to sort your waste in your language

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Pour trier vos déchets

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Cara memilah sampah Anda

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Както да ги сортирате вашите отпадоци

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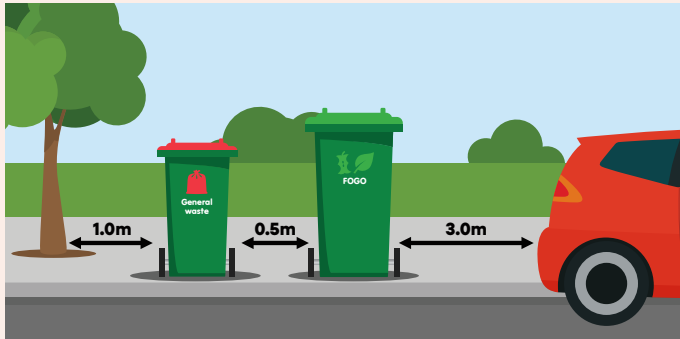
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## Kerbside collection information

There are no collections on New Year's Day, Good Friday or Christmas Day. If these public holidays fall on a weekday, all bins are collected the next day.

When you put your bins out for collection, make sure they:

- Are on the kerb by 6am on collection day
- Have a maximum weight of 70kg – our trucks won't pick them up if they are heavier
- Are not overflowing and the lids are completely closed
- Are at least 1m away from trees and 3m from cars, fences and other items
- Have at least 0.5m between each other.



General waste week



Recycling week



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Not sure which bin to put it in? Download the Recycle Right app!



# Using your three-bin kerbside collection system

The City is moving to a three-bin kerbside collection system. Your property now has a lime green-lid FOGO bin (Food Organics and Garden Organics), a kitchen caddy, a yellow-lid recycling bin and a red-lid general waste bin.

## The FOGO kitchen caddy

This benchtop caddy makes sorting your food organics in the kitchen easy. Simply line the caddy with newspaper, a compostable bag or go bare and you're ready to throw in your food scraps.

**i** Need to replace your caddy or pick up more liners? Visit any of the City's libraries, leisure centres, administration centre, or pick up certified compostable liners (🍏 AS 4736) at the supermarket.



## The lime green-lid FOGO bin – collected weekly

This bin collects food and garden materials to be recovered and processed into FOGO products, such as compost and soil conditioner.



### You can put these items in your FOGO bin:

#### Food organics

- Raw or cooked fruit and vegetables (including peels) dairy, meat and seafood scraps (including seafood shells and bones)
- Coffee grounds and tea bags.



#### Garden organics

- Grass clippings
- Garden pruning (under 5cm in diameter)
- Leaves, weeds and flowers.



### You cannot put these items in your FOGO bin:



Glass or plastic



Soft plastics, meat trays, etc.



Treated wood



Takeaway cups and food packaging



Nappies and personal hygiene products



Large branches or timber over 5cm in diameter



Hazardous waste (see page 6 for more information)

## The yellow-lid recycling bin – collected fortnightly

This bin collects items that can be recycled. It does not collect organic waste.

You can put these five items in your recycling bin – and only these five:



Paper



Plastic bottles and containers



Glass bottles and jars



Cans



Cardboard



### Easy recycling rules:

1. Only the five
2. Lids off
3. Rinse clean
4. Flatten cardboard
5. Do not bag or box recyclables, put them loosely in the bin.

You cannot put these items in your recycling bin:



Soft plastics, meat trays, etc.



Takeaway cups and food packaging



Hazardous waste (see page 6 for more info)



Nappies and personal hygiene products



Long-life cartons (foil lined)

## The red-lid general waste bin – collected fortnightly

This bin collects items that are not organic and cannot be recycled.

You can put these items in your general waste bin:



Takeaway cups and food packaging



Damaged crockery, clothing, shoes and toys



Long-life cartons (foil lined)



Nappies and personal hygiene products



Soft plastics, meat trays, etc.



You cannot put these items in your general waste bin:



Hazardous waste (see page 6 for more info)



Medical waste such as syringes and needles



Scan the QR code to read the full A-Z list of what goes in each bin



# Bulk waste verge collection

Urban residents can request two bulk waste verge collections each financial year. Rural residents are eligible for mattress collection only. Follow these three steps to book:

**1** Visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/verge-collection](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/verge-collection) and select your preferred collection date per waste stream

**2** Place separated material out for collection – no earlier than 48 hours before your booked collection

**3** Material types will be collected separately from 6am on the booked collection date.

## Bulk household waste includes:

### Green waste

Leaves, tree branches, prunings and twigs.

### General bulk waste

Items that are too big for your kerbside bin such as chairs, sofas, toys, polystyrene.

### E-waste

Computers, televisions, mobile phones. Learn more: [www.swan.wa.gov.au/e-waste](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/e-waste)

### Metal

Scrap metal, fridges and washing machines.

### Mattresses

(a maximum of three per financial year).

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## Arranging your bulk waste on the verge

To allow different waste types to be collected and recycled, you will need to sort your waste into piles on the verge as shown above. Each household can place up to three cubic metres of waste on the verge, per collection.

Do not obstruct footpaths, weekly bin services or the line of sight for motorists.

Do not place any waste on driveways, near sprinklers, water meters, mailboxes, power poles/domes, trees or other obstructions, as they may be damaged when collected by machinery.

Did you know?

## Batteries cause fires in waste collection trucks and waste management facilities.

Help keep staff safe and take batteries to a drop-off point – never bin a battery or anything that contains a battery.

Find your nearest drop off point at [recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au)



## Household hazardous waste

Hazardous waste poses a serious risk to the public and environment due to its reactivity, flammability, corrosiveness or toxicity. It should never be put in kerbside bins or on the verge.

Find out more: [www.wastenet.net.au/hhw](http://www.wastenet.net.au/hhw)



Acids



Aerosol cans



Batteries



Chemicals



Flammables



Flares



Fire extinguishers



Gas bottles



Light globes



Paint



Poisons



Smoke alarms



\*Vapes



\* limited drop off locations in Perth visit 'RecyclingNearYou.com.au'

Hazardous waste and  
verge collection

## Recycling centres

The City has two recycling centres, one in Bullsbrook and one in Malaga. You can drop off many recyclables for free. See our website for details as some fees may apply.

### Recycling Centre – Bullsbrook

121 Stock West Road, Bullsbrook  
(08) 9207 8697

### Recycling Centre – Malaga

7 Cogla Street, Malaga  
(08) 9267 9198



Scan the QR code for more information about our recycling centres



**You can drop off 20kg or 20L per material type of household hazardous waste (HHW) at Red Hill Waste Management Facility.**

**1094 Toodyay Road, Red Hill**

These items will be safely disposed of or recycled.

Visit [emrc.org.au](http://emrc.org.au) or call **(08) 6219 7333** for more information.



## Calling all treasure hunters!



Visit the Reuse Shop at Recycling Centre – Bullsbrook where we stock artwork, big pieces of furniture, gym equipment, barbecues, toys, dinner sets and knick-knacks at low prices.



## Items accepted at the recycling centres:



Aerosol cans (empty)



Batteries



Bricks and rubble



Clothing



Cardboard



Car tyres (limits and charges apply)



E-Waste (computers, monitors & televisions)



Fluorescent lights and tubes



Green waste (no lawn clippings)



Mattresses (a limit of five per visit)



Metal (including fridges and freezers – no car parts)



Mobile phones



Printer cartridges



Rigid polystyrene



Used motor oil

## The recycling centres do not accept:



General waste that can go in your kerbside collection service



Food organics



Hazardous waste (see 'Hazardous waste' page for more information)





# CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Recycling Centre – Bullsbrook is also a Containers for Change collection point. When you recycle with Containers for Change, you get a 10c refund for every eligible container you return.

## It's as easy as one, two, three.

1. Collect your eligible containers (with lids removed and put in a separate container)
2. Take them to the refund point at Recycling Centre – Bullsbrook
3. Earn a refund or choose to donate it.

## Earning your refund has never been easier



Scan the QR code to download the Containers for Change app and fill in your deposit form from the palm of your hand.



## ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Most plastic and glass bottles, as well as drink cartons, cans and pouches, that are 150ml to 3L are accepted, including:

- Most single-serve water and fizzy drink containers up to and including 3L
- Most single-serve alcohol containers, like beer bottles and pre-mixed spirits
- Flavoured milk containers that are 150ml to 999ml
- Coconut water, pure fruit, or vegetable juice containers that are 150ml to 999ml.

## INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Some bottles with the 10c mark are not yet accepted in Western Australia.

These include containers not commonly found in litter, such as:

- 1L-plus plain milk bottles
- 1L-plus flavoured milk bottles
- 1L-plus pure juice drink bottles
- Wine and spirit bottles
- Cordial bottles.

**Make sure you take off the lids – we recycle these too, just separately.**



Scan the QR code to learn more about Containers for Change.



Recycling centres and  
Containers for Change



## Waste-wise education and resources

There are plenty of ways to be waste-wise. If we all do our bit, we can make a big difference. Check out these handy tips or visit the Waste Sorted website ([www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au](http://www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au)) for more information.

### Waste education game hire

Hire our waste education games for a week and teach kids about bin sorting, recycling, and sustainability in a fun and interactive way.

Learn more: [swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/education](http://swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/education)

### Clothes Swaps

If you've got a pile of old clothes in good enough condition that you'd give them to a friend, consider bringing them to a clothes swap! We host many clothes swaps at community events throughout the year.

Learn more: [swan.wa.gov.au/events](http://swan.wa.gov.au/events)

### Wriggly worm farms

The City offers a worm farm subsidy to all residents and ratepayers. Put your food scraps to good use and turn them into nutrient-rich garden products with the help of worms.

Learn more:

[www.swan.wa.gov.au/wormfarmsubsidy](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/wormfarmsubsidy)

## Sustainable Swan

Already a GREAT Sort but want to make more of a difference? Get involved in our environmental initiatives as we work towards being a sustainable City for everyone to enjoy.

### Keep Australia Beautiful

We've partnered with Keep Australia Beautiful to support their Adopt-a-Spot litter program in Perth's eastern region. The program is a simple way to volunteer for a few hours and create a cleaner environment.

All you need to do is register a site you're committed to keeping clean for two years, such as a local park or bushland. You'll need to complete four cleans each year for a two year period and in return you'll receive free resources, insurance cover and an adoption certificate.

To register, call **(08) 6467 5339** or visit [www.kabc.wa.gov.au/adoptaspot](http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/adoptaspot)

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### Friends groups

A Friends group consists of people who work together informally to conserve a local reserve under the management of the City.

Friends Group members help to plant native trees, remove weeds and rubbish, control dieback, and protect and restore habitats.

Joining a group means you can enjoy meeting new people while learning new skills and gaining experience in a safe environment.

Contact the City's Coordinator Natural Environment on **(08) 9267 9267** or visit [www.swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/get-involved](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/waste-and-sustainability/get-involved) for more information.

### Waste incursions and tours

The City provides incursions to learn more about waste and recovery processes. Contact our Waste team on **(08) 9267 9267** or email [swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au) to arrange.

You can also book a free tour of Red Hill Waste Management Facility or learn how to manage your household waste with a workshop. Call **(08) 9424 2222** or email [wasteeducation@emrc.org.au](mailto:wasteeducation@emrc.org.au) to arrange.

### Library of Things

Sometimes you just want something to use once or try out before committing to a purchase. If that's the case, the Library of Things is the collection for you!

Hire items: [swan.wa.gov.au/LibraryOfThings](http://swan.wa.gov.au/LibraryOfThings)

### Thinking Green

Our Thinking Green series helps us all be GREAT Sorts with a wide variety of free workshops.

Learn more: [swan.wa.gov.au/thinkgreen](http://swan.wa.gov.au/thinkgreen)

### Modern cloth nappy workshops

Avoid disposable nappies and get involved in one of our modern cloth nappy workshops.

Stay updated: [swan.wa.gov.au/thinkgreen](http://swan.wa.gov.au/thinkgreen)

## Reuse and repair before disposal

Putting items in your general waste bin should be a last resort. Consider these options before throwing items away:

- Clean undamaged items and prepare them for donation to charity or reuse shops
- Sell items on Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace or through other forums such as car boot sales or your local Facebook buy nothing page
- Repair items to keep using them. Visit a Repair Cafe to get some help: [www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au/blog/repair-cafes--what-are-they-and-where-can-i-find-them](http://www.wastesorted.wa.gov.au/blog/repair-cafes--what-are-they-and-where-can-i-find-them)
- Take your old bike to Bikes for Humanity to be rebuilt: [www.b4hwa.com](http://www.b4hwa.com)
- Donate sports shoes to Rebel Sports for recycling: [www.rebelsport.com.au/blog/footwear/footwear-recycling](http://www.rebelsport.com.au/blog/footwear/footwear-recycling)
- Recycle cosmetics at your local Priceline Pharmacy: [www.estore.stage.priceline.com.au/in-store-services/terracycle-at-priceline](http://www.estore.stage.priceline.com.au/in-store-services/terracycle-at-priceline)



#### A guide to gifting to charity

All items must be clean, complete and in working order. Scan the QR code to find a charity shop near you.



# A-Z waste sorting guide

For a more comprehensive list, please visit [www.recycleright.wa.gov.au/a-z](http://www.recycleright.wa.gov.au/a-z)

## A

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminium cans
- Animal droppings
- Ash
- Automotive fluids

## B

- Batteries
- Biodegradable packaging
- Bones
- Bottles - plastic and glass (lids off)
- Branches (over 5cm thick)
- Branches (under 5cm thick)
- Bricks

## C

- Candles/wax
- Cardboard (please flatten)
- Ceramic (broken plates/cups)
- Chemical containers (empty and rinsed)
- Chemicals (acids/bleaches)
- Clothing (damaged)
- Clothing (undamaged)
- Coffee cups (all disposable types)
- Coffee grounds
- Compact fluorescent lighting
- Compostable caddy liners
- Cork
- Cotton wool buds
- Cutlery (plastic)

## D

- Dairy scraps
- Egg cartons
- Egg shells
- Electrical items
- Envelopes

## F

- Fire extinguishers (red only)
- Fish bones and scraps
- Foil (larger than a tennis ball)
- Food leftovers and scraps
- Fruit scraps

## G

- Gas cylinders
- Glad wrap
- Glass bottles and jars (lids off)
- Grass clippings

## H

- Hair (human and animal)
- Hose

## I

- Ice cream containers (cardboard and plastic)

## J

- Jars (lids off)
- Juice cartons/bottles (no long-life cartons (foil lined), lids off)
- Junk mail

## K

- Kitty litter

## L

- Leaves
- Lightbulbs/ fluorescent tubes

- Lids bottles/jars (larger than a tennis ball)

- Lids bottles/jars (smaller than a tennis ball)

- Long-life cartons (foil lined)

## M

- Magazines
- Magnets
- Meat scraps and bones
- Meat trays
- Milk cartons/bottles (no long-life cartons (foil lined), lids off)
- Mobile phones and chargers

## N

- Nappies (disposable)
- Newspaper (clean)
- Newspaper (food soiled)

## O

- Oil (motor)
- Oil (other)

## P

- Paint and tins
- Paper products (not shredded)
- Paper products (food soiled)

- Pet food tins (rinsed)

- Pet poo (compostable bags only)
- Plants and plant cuttings

- Plastic bags

- Plastic bottles and containers (lids off)

- Plastic punnets

- Polystyrene

- Printer cartridges

## R

- Razors

- Rope

## S

- Sanitary products

- Seafood (including shells)

- Shredded paper

- Steel cans

- Soft plastics

- Styrofoam packaging

- Soil

## T

- Takeaway cups and food packaging

- Tea bags

- Toothbrushes (no electric)

- Tyres

## V

- Vegetable scraps

- Vacuum contents

## W

- Weeds

- Wine bottles (lids off)

- Recycling bin (all items rinsed, loose and lids off)

- FOGO bin

- General waste

- Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) drop off point

- Recycling centre/drop off point



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