

# The YELLOW BIN GUIDE



# Quick Tips!

## BEWARE OF RECYCLING SYMBOLS!



**Just because an item may have a recycling symbol, doesn't mean it can be recycled via the yellow bin.**

Unfortunately, recycling symbols can be confusing and can mean different things including

- the item is made of recycled material
- the item can be recycled through *specialised* recycling (not through the yellow bin)

## SHOULD RECYCLABLES BE CLEANED?

Empty all containers of their contents. They do not need to be spotlessly clean so a quick rinse with used dishwater is sufficient.

## WHAT TO DO WITH LIDS?



**Small plastic lids and metal bottle tops** go in the red bin.



**Larger plastic lids**, eg: butter and ice-cream container lids go in the yellow bin.



**Plastic pump-pack lids** such as hand-wash lids, go in the red bin.



**Larger metal lids**, eg: jam and pasta sauce jar lids, go in the yellow bin (separate lids from the jars).

# The Golden Rule of the Yellow Bin

**Most** of what goes into your yellow bin are **containers** for **food, beverage or soap/detergent-based products.**

Items that you would typically buy in the supermarket.

If an item doesn't fit into these categories it probably **can't** be recycled via your yellow bin.

**Never put your recyclable materials into a plastic bag and place into the yellow bin.**

Bags are not opened at the recycling facility and all contents will go directly to landfill.



## Hard Plastic Bottles

Including bottles for milk, water, detergent, laundry sprays, soft drink, sauces, shampoo, floor cleaners and soap wash.



## Hard Plastic Containers

Including containers for ice-cream, yoghurt, butter, clear plastic fruit punnets, deli take-away containers and processed meat trays.

**X** NO plastic tubes eg: toothpaste



## Metal Containers

**ONLY** aluminium drink cans, food tins, aerosol cans. **PLUS** clean aluminium foil collected to the size of a tennis ball.

**X** NO other metal objects.



## Glass Bottles and Jars

**ONLY** bottles and jars that held a beverage or food.

**X** NO other glass such as mirrors, drinking glasses, perfume bottles or plate glass.



## Paper and Cardboard

Including flattened boxes, newspapers, magazines, bags and envelopes.

**X** NO absorbent paper (napkins), sales receipts or shredded paper.

## Some common mistakes in the yellow bin

- **SOFT PLASTICS** (eg: bags for frozen food, bread, pasta. Plus silver-lined chip and biscuit packs, cling wrap, bubble wrap, cereal box liners, chocolate and ice-cream wrappers)
- Takeaway coffee cups
- Foam
- Food contaminated cardboard
- Anything labelled compostable or biodegradable
- Plastic cutlery and cups



## FREE RECYCLING OPTIONS

These items cannot go into your yellow bin but can be taken to any Council Recycling & Waste Depot for FREE.

- Scrap Metal
- Textiles
- Polystyrene
- Electronic Waste\*
- Paints\*
- Household Batteries\*
- Car Batteries\*
- Fluoro Globes\*
- Gas Bottles\*
- Motor & Other Oils\*
- Smoke Detectors\*
- Fire Extinguishers\*

\*Keep these items out of **both** your kerbside bins.

For more information on the above services contact Waste Services 1300 293 111.

# A-Z RECYCLING & DISPOSAL GUIDE

Over 100 items listed.

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**Got questions about recycling?**

Council's Waste Services staff are here to help you. Call 1300 293 111