

# REFUSE REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Waste disposal is a major issue for Council and the community, and by avoiding and reducing waste, and reusing and recycling, we can reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR BIN?

Are you aware of what's in your bin? Did you know that in some bins, up to 40% of materials could be recycled? and that contamination in the recycling is a real and significant issue across the Hilltops area.

There have been instances when the recycling has been so contaminated that it looks like the garbage truck has unloaded in the Materials Recovery Facility (recycling sorting centre) and in several cases the entire load has had to be taken to landfill

Over the next twelve months, Council's Team will be undertaking audits of the kerbside bins - the Garbage, Recycling and Greenwaste.

If there are any issues in your bin, we will let you know - writing letters, putting stickers on your bin or leaving some information in your mailbox.



## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.....



A load of 'recycling' at the Young MRF. Plastic bags are not recyclable and anything in a plastic bag will not be sorted.

Contamination in your bin could contaminate the entire collection

Elouera staff hand sort our recycling - please keep it clean.  
EMPTY & RINSE your food containers

Anything that can't be sorted is sent to landfill  
Recycling can't be sorted if it's in a plastic bag

Recycling can be confusing. Not all plastics can be recycled, and what's recyclable in other Council areas may not be recyclable here.

So what can you put in your recycle bin?



Paper, 'Junk Mail', magazines, Newspapers, Cardboard boxes (flattened), Pizza Boxes (clean), Office Paper & Envelopes, Clean Paper Bags, Egg Cartons, Empty Glass bottles & Jars (Green, Clear or Brown), Hard Plastics, Ice Cream Containers, Plastic bottles, Juice Cartons, Margarine tubs, Milk Cartons, Shampoo Bottles, Empty Aerosol Cans (empty), Aluminium Cans, Food Cans (clean), Soft Drink Cans

## What can't you put in your recycle bin?

Ceramics (pots, cups etc), broken glass, light globes, mirrors, broken glass, blue and white glass, food waste, food spoiled paper & cardboard, plastic bags & soft plastics, waxed cardboard, mixed cardboard & steel products, tissue paper, paper towel, razors and shaving gear, syringes, foam (Polystyrene & Styrofoam boxes, trays, cups and packaging), animal droppings/manure, cigarette packets, green waste, disposable nappies, sanitary items.



## WHERE DOES YOUR RECYCLING GO?

After your recycling is collected from your bin it is taken to the Materials Recovery Facility (the MRF) in Young. The MRF is run by the Elouera Association, a disability employment provider, who hand sort your recycling

After it's sorted the recyclable material is sent for processing and reuse - in Sydney, Melbourne and regional NSW.

## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU RECYCLE IN THE HILLTOPS?

Council's main recycling facilities located in three central locations - the Murrumburrah Waste Transfer Station, the Boorowa Waste Depot, and the Victoria St Waste Management Facility.

**E-WASTE FREE** E-waste disposal is now available at all three Facilities.

E-waste includes personal computers, keyboards & monitors, domestic printers, TV's, tablets (It does not include commercial e-waste, stereos, VCRs, DVD players, game consoles and other electronic equipment)

**SCRAP METAL** Scrap Metal can be disposed of for **FREE** at all three Facilities (There is a charge for car bodies)

**WHITE GOODS** Some parts of Fridges, Freezers, Washing machines, Ovens and Micro-waves can all be recycled. There are some costs involved in disposal due to the materials used in manufacture.

**MOTOR OILS** Motor Oils (max. 20L) can be decanted into the bunded sheds at all three Facilities for **FREE**.

**GREENWASTE** Green waste can be recycled too. If you have a service put it in the green waste bin or take it to the one of the main sites so that we can mulch it for re-use.

## REFUSE

Say no to plastic bags, Bring your own bag, basket or box.

Say no to 'junk mail' Avoid disposable cups and plates.

## REDUCE

Bring your own cup Shop local and avoid excess packaging Buy only what you need Look for items that are reusable, refillable, rechargeable

## REUSE

Use reusable containers. Donate unwanted items to charity Hold a Garage Sale Buy pre-loved items

## RECYCLE

Recycle everything you can Choose items made from recyclable and reusable materials Compost or get a worm farm