

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

EVENTS GUIDE



REGISTER YOUR EVENT TODAY!

Whether you are an individual, council, community group, school or workplace; there are many activities that you can organise.



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National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year in November, this year it will be held from the **13th to 19th of November 2023**.

This year, National Recycling Week explores the idea that

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

Inspire your community to get involved in events covering topics like:

- Giving resources a second life
- Reducing the need for newly produced resources
- Composting organic waste

In 2023, National Recycling Week is about getting recycling habits into all aspects of your day and increasing food waste composting.

Whether you're an individual, local government, workplace or school, we want you to get involved! Host a community repair & recycle class, composting workshop, set up a recycling station at work or organise a swap party with friends.

This guide will provide you with a range of ideas for events and activities. We have included links to make it as easy as possible for you to host and create an event for National Recycling Week.

IDEAS FOR COUNCILS

MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY TOURS

Engage your community by sparking their curiosity in what happens to recycling when it's picked up from the kerbside. Material Recovery Facility (MRF) tours will teach people why it's important to focus on quality rather than quantity when it comes to recycling. Taking residents and/or school groups behind-the-scenes to see the journey their recycling takes beyond the bin, and what happens when we put non-recyclable items like soft plastics in the recycling bin.



TRICKY ITEMS RECYCLING SESSIONS

People love doing the right thing by recycling instead of sending their waste to landfill. What better way to channel their goodwill than providing information on all the recycling schemes available to them for non-packaging items such as mobile phones, electronics, printer cartridges, mattresses, batteries and more!

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IDEAS FOR WORKPLACES

RECYCLING PRESENTATIONS

In recent years, recycling opportunities and item recyclability have changed and not all councils accept the same items for recycling. Our ready-to-go [recycling presentations](#) cover the basics of recycling education and will help people understand what solutions are available for common household waste items that can't go in their home recycling bin.

To make it a bit more fun, you can also download our [Recycling Trivia here](#).



ZERO/LOW WASTE HACKS

Host a zero/low waste workshop to provide people with easy solutions to common problems or wasteful products. You could explain the benefits of reusable alternatives to single-use items such as beeswax reusable wraps, and reusable coffee cups and cutlery. If you're a good cook, a cooking lesson with leftovers is a great way to reduce food waste.

CHECK OUT OUR WORKPLACE TOOLKIT FOR MORE

IDEAS FOR SCHOOLS

PLANET ARK'S SCHOOLS RECYCLE RIGHT CHALLENGE

Join **Planet Ark's Schools Recycling Right Challenge!** The Schools Recycle Right Challenge runs from **9 October to 31 November 2023** and offers a wide range of recycling themed activities, lesson plans and events ideas that have been developed specifically for Australian schools.

[Register your school here.](#)

IDEAS FOR COMMUNITIES

UPCYCLING WORKSHOP

Use your creative skills to host an upcycling workshop. You could paint cans and turn them into plant pots, use leftover fabric to make cushion filling, make art out of broken items or coffee tables from old tyres, the sky is the limit! A quick google search of 'upcycling ideas' will inspire you to upcycle things you didn't know you could.

REPAIR CAFÉ

Repair cafés are becoming more and more popular, fixing broken items such as bikes, electrical appliances and electronics. Consider creating your own pop-up repair café during National Recycling Week, or google search for one near you to fix any broken items you might have. Don't toss it, fix it!

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IDEAS FOR EVERYONE

SWAP PARTY

What's better than buying second-hand? Swapping things you don't use for other people's treasures! You only need a table (or a couple) where people can place the things they would like to swap and pick something in return.



SHARING ECONOMY SERVICES

Australia's sharing economy is estimated to be worth \$15B per annum! It's also great for the environment. Buying second-hand, whether that be clothing, tools, or furniture, is a great way to help the environment and keep valuable resources out of landfill. Promote any services in your area that can help your community share more, such as Op shops, repair cafés, and tool libraries.

FURNITURE RECYCLING

A great way to keep furniture out of landfill is to 'flip' pieces you either have at home, or get from online marketplaces for very cheap or even free! With some TLC, it will look brand new! There are many tutorials on [YouTube](#) on how to flip many pieces of furniture.



GET THE WORD OUT THERE!

Register your event, big or small, on our events page. You can also search around for other ideas and inspiration to make your National Recycling Week event sparkle!

We will be promoting [National Recycling Week events](#) during our campaign period.

INVITE YOUR NETWORKS

- Find adaptable National Recycling Week resources [here](#).
- Individuals, local councils and non-for-profits can use our logo on National Recycling Week event promotional material. [Download it here](#).
- Remember to tag [@planetark](#) so we can see your events in action!

ARE YOU A SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY GROUP?

Make sure you check our [Recycling Near You](#) to find out the most accurate recycling and food waste services in your LGA.

FINALLY

Have fun!

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