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NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK

PACKAGING

The Waste Hierarchy

MORE THAN RECYCLING

When thinking about waste management, considering the waste hierarchy is a great way to identify which efforts may have a better outcome. The first thing we should focus on is avoiding creating waste when possible, then reducing, reusing, recycling.



REDUCE & AVOID



REUSE & REPAIR



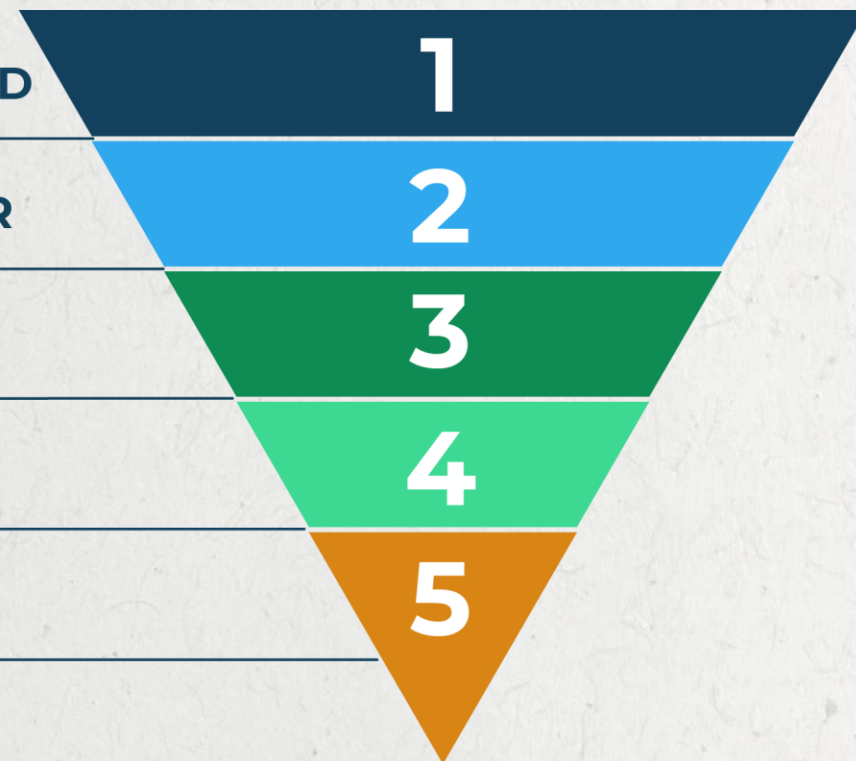
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COMPOST



LANDFILL



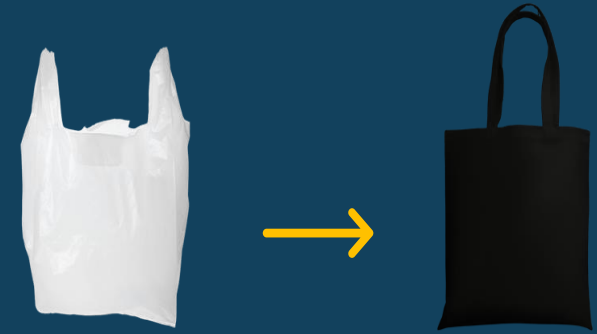
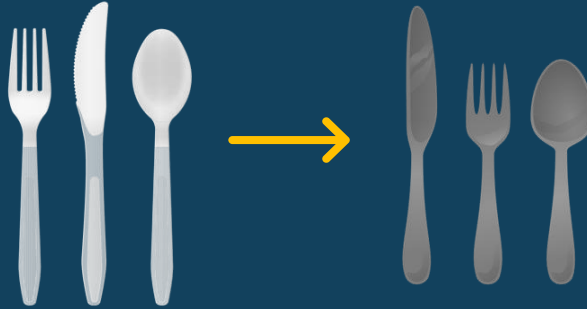
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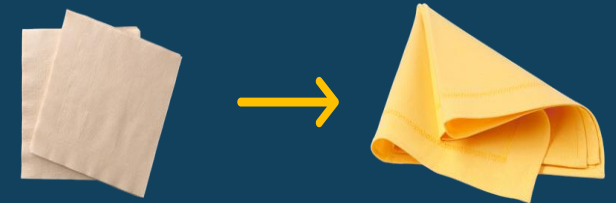
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Reduce and Reuse

SIMPLE, EVERYDAY SWAPS



Nothing, or an
e-copy

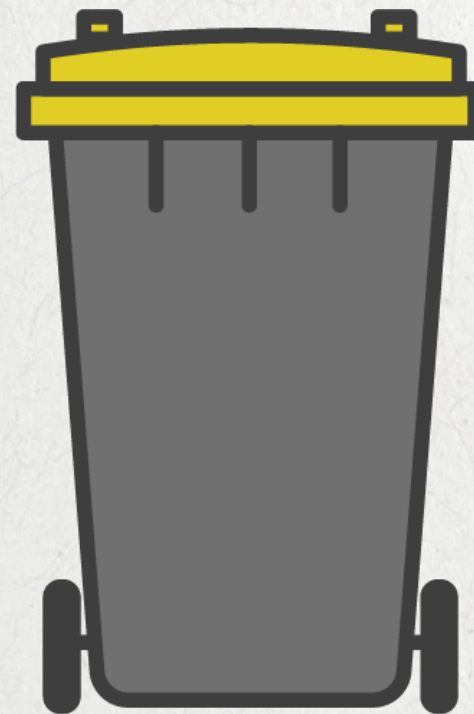


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Recycling at home

The recycling bin at home is **only** for packaging from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry, plus paper and cardboard.

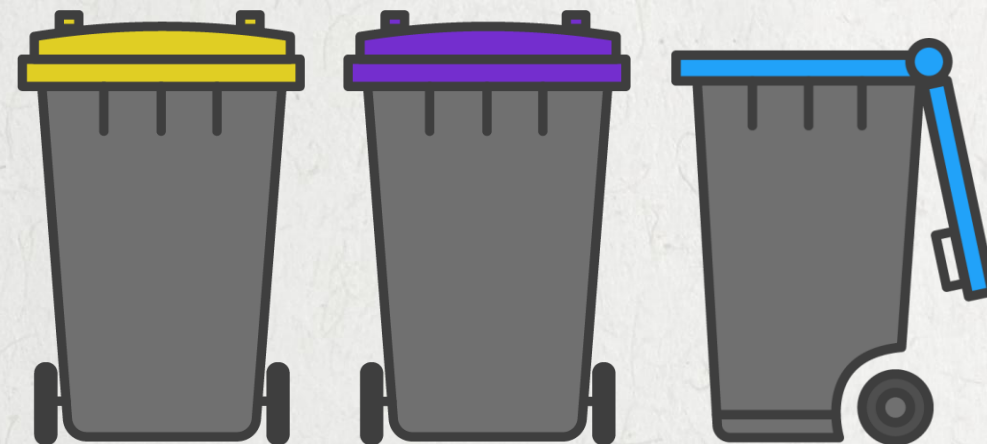
Items like toys, polystyrene foam, clothing, glassware, hangers or home décor should **never go in the recycling** bin. They will be sent to landfill, and have the potential to contaminate recyclables, which would then also be sent to landfill.



Recycling at home

Recycling at home is a service provided by your **local council**, which is why bins and accepted items **vary around the country**. The easiest way to understand what can and can not you in your bins is finding your council on recyclingnearyou.com.au.

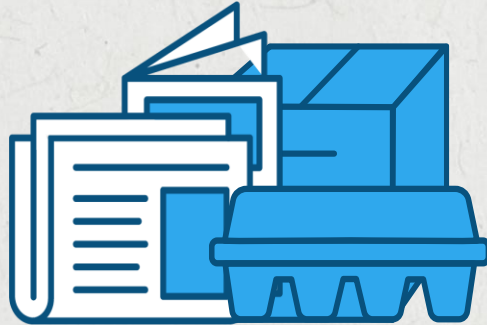
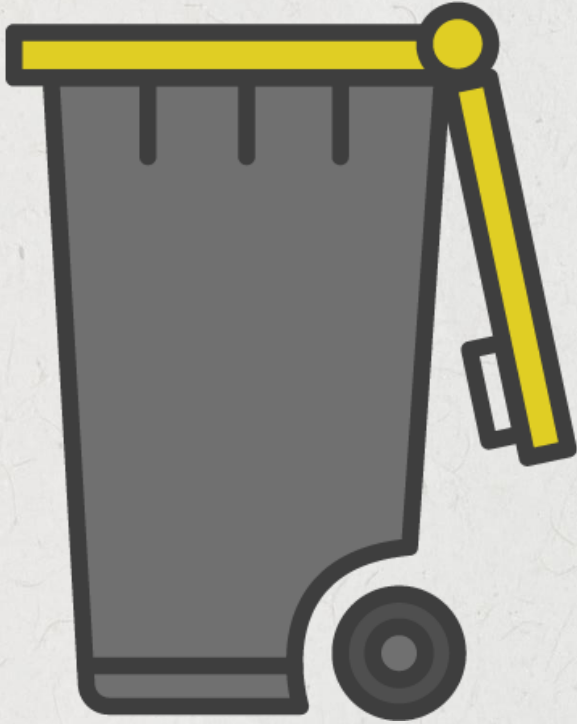
You will also find information about alternative recycling points, or drop-off recycling there.



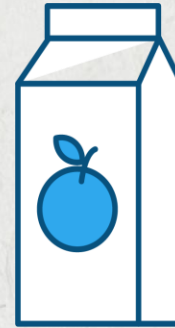
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Generally accepted



PAPER &
CARDBOARD



CARTONS*

GLASS
BOTTLES &
JARS



STEEL &
ALUMINIUM
CANS



HARD
PLASTIC

*IN SOME AREAS

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Common mistakes



DRINKING
GLASSES

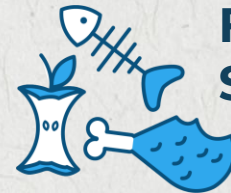


COFFEE
CUPS

E-WASTE
INCL. VAPES



TISSUES &
NAPKINS



FOOD
SCRAPS

TEXTILES &
TOYS



POTS
& PANS



STYROFOAM

PAINT &
CHEMICALS



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Recycling labels

PICS



DO THESE LABELS
TELL YOU THAT THE
ITEM IS RECYCLABLE?

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Recycling labels

PICS



PETE

HDPE

V

LDPE



PP

PS

OTHER

NOPE!

These symbols are called PICs, or Plastic Identification Codes. They do not refer to an item's recyclability.

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Recycling labels

PICS



(PET)
Polyethylene
Terephthalate



(LDPE) Low-
Density
Polyethylene



(HDPE) High-
Density
Polyethylene



(PP)
Polypropylene



(PVC)
Polyvinyl
Chloride



(PS)
Polystyrene



Other
plastics



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Recyclability

CAN IT ACTUALLY BE RECYCLED?

There are many factors that affect recyclability, mainly **size, materials and shape**. Not only the format need to be considered, but also the **acceptance of items** by **local council services**.



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AUSTRALASIAN RECYCLING LABEL

The ARL takes all these factors into consideration, and produces the only research backed recycling label.



LOOK OUT FOR THESE LABELS
ON PACK

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Recycling at work

HOW-TO RECYCLE

Workplaces may also choose to implement recycling stations for harder to recycle items.

Planet Ark offers to recycling programs **Batteries from Planet Ark** and **Cartridges 4 Planet Ark**. Find these programs, and more in our workplace guide.



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Tips

HOW-TO RECYCLE

- Before buying a new product, consider **sourcing a secondhand item**.
- Before recycling, consider **repairing your item, donating or reselling your item to the manufacturer** to be used as spare parts.
- Visit recyclingnearyou.com.au to find all programs in this deck, your closest e-waste drop-off locations, plus services available from your local council.



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Before you **recycle**

REMEMBER TO:



REUSE



REPURPOSE



REPAIR

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ALL YEAR ROUND

Don't stop the great work here! Get your office reducing, reusing and recycling all year round made easy with our recycling directory, resources and more.

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