

# WASTE WISE

## General Waste

Waste is much more than just the rubbish or garbage found in a bin. It is generally formed when a product has passed its primary use, is no longer wanted, is unusable, useless, worthless, defective, or no longer of any use, including:

- Rubbish that is placed in the bin, such as packaging materials
- Food that is purchased but not eaten
- Clothes that we no longer wear or want
- Electrical appliances that we no longer use or are broken.

But a waste may not always be a waste as more and more people and groups are able to collect some of these unwanted items and turn them into usable products.

- Food scraps and uneaten food can be used in compost bins, worm farms, fed to feed backyard chickens or placed in the green lid organics bin
- Clothes and furniture can be upcycled into new items or given a new life through an op shop or local buy swap and sell page
- Electrical items can be dropped off at collection points, where they are shipped to specialists, broken down into the component parts and recycled into new items
- Some plastic packaging can be recycled through REDcycle and turned into park furniture.

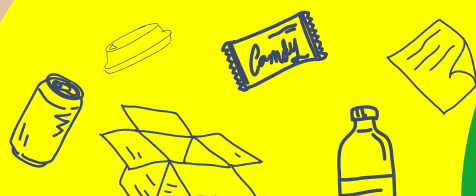
### Where does your waste go?

All red lid waste bins collected via the kerbside waste collection service, the garbage trucks, from across the Local Government Area, are sent to the Moama Waste Management Facility.

Here the waste is emptied from the trucks and placed in a specially designed and lined landfill cell, it is compacted by large machines and covered with a layer of dirt and clay at the end of every day.

Items that end up in the landfill cell remain there forever. This is why we encourage customers to separate items into recycling and organic waste bins as the items in these bins can be turned into new products.

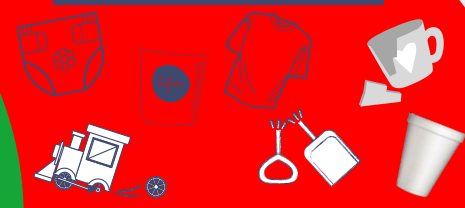
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## What goes in the **red lid** bin

- Small bags of household waste, plastic meat trays, disposable masks
- Small broken items
- Plates, broken ceramics, drinking glasses, Pyrex
- Polystyrene
- Nappies
- Sanitary or incontinence items
- Cat litter - non paper based
- Plastic items such as broken tubs or toys
- Any soiled items or textiles (clothes) that are unable to be cleaned.



## What doesn't belong in the **red lid** bin

- Plastic bags and soft plastics such as bread bags, biscuit and confectionery packets, frozen food / rice / pasta bags - take these items to a local supermarket and place them in the REDcycle bin.
- Sharps and syringes - take these to a local pharmacy or hospital for safe and correct disposal.
- Electronic waste (e-waste) - take these to any of the MRC waste management facilities to be recycled.
- Household batteries, fluoro globes and tubes, car batteries, fire extinguishers, gas bottles - take these to the Community Recycling Centre (located at the Moama Waste Management Facility).
- Paint (less than 20Lt) - take to the Community Recycling Centre (located at the Moama Waste Management Facility).
- Clean textiles /clothes - drop off at collection bins, op shops or post on local buy, swap or sell pages
- Food scraps, tissues, serviettes, paper towel, greasy pizza boxes, pet poo and many other items can all now be placed in the green lid FOGO bins as they will be broken down and processed into Compost. Refer to Council's FOGO leaflet for further information

**Remember** - Anything you place in the red lid waste bin goes into a landfill cell where it cannot be reused or repurposed. It is important to only place items in the red lid waste bin that are at the end of their life-cycle and cannot be recycled.



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