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Recycling

Recycling is the process of recovering scrap or waste and reprocessing the material into useful products. Although it seems simple, recycling can be tricky with many different labels and items out there.

Here are some handy hints to help you recycle in Murray River Council.

1. To rinse or not to rinse - items need to be empty and dry. So if you choose to rinse, leave lids off to allow them to dry fully.
2. Keep items loose - never place recyclable items in plastic bags. Not only are the bags non-recyclable but they can also block up the processing equipment and cause costly breakdowns.
3. Hard v soft plastics - can you scrunch it? If the item cannot be scrunched ie; it returns to a similar shape to normal, then it can go into the recycling bin. If it can be scrunched into a ball it is an item that needs to be recycled through the REDcycle program. Check out <https://www.redcycle.net.au/> to find your nearest collection location. If you are unable to access a REDcycle location these types of rubbish go in the waste bin.
4. Return and Earn - the NSW Government implemented a container deposit scheme in 2017 to collect eligible containers and recycle them rather than have them going to landfill. You can earn yourself 10c per used eligible container and any non-eligible container can still be recycled through your household recycling bin. For your nearest location or for more information check out <https://returnandearn.org.au/>
5. Check the label - new Australasian Recycling labels are now appearing on packaging making it easier to understand recycling information. Check out <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/ar/> for more information.

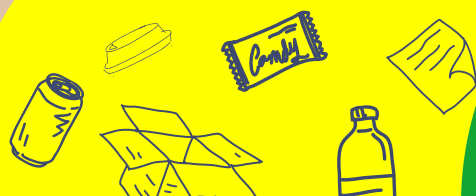


Where does all your recycling go?

All materials collected via the household street collection service are sent to a specialist recycling facility where they are sorted into groups (paper, plastic, glass) to be recycled.

From here, items are broken down and used to make new products such as recycled toilet paper, park benches, road bases, fence posts, new clothes and much more.

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What goes in the yellow lid bin

- Aluminium and steel tins and cans, including small paint tins (dry & empty).
Large paint tins which are dry and empty can be dropped off at any of Councils landfills or transfer stations for free.
- Aluminium foil – scrunch into a golf size ball before it goes in the bin.
- Glass bottles and jars with lids removed.
- Plastic soft-drink, water bottles, juice and milk bottles or plastic containers for laundry liquid and powder, shampoo, conditioner, hand and body wash - only those marked with a 1 or 2. 
- Newspapers, magazines and advertising materials (please remove plastic wrapping before adding to the bin), letters, writing paper, cardboard and wrapping paper.
- Egg cartons and cardboard boxes - remember to flatten wherever possible.
- Envelopes (even those with clear plastic windows).
- Empty pizza boxes (remove any food scraps before putting them in the yellow lid bin).



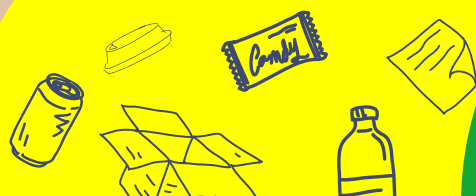
What doesn't belong in the yellow lid bin

- Plastic bags and soft plastics such as bread bags, biscuit and confectionery packets, frozen food / rice / pasta bags - REDcycle these items.
- Polystyrene such as meat trays and foam packaging.
- Light globes, mirrors and window or windscreen glass.
- Crockery, drinking glasses and Pyrex.
- Sharps and syringes.
- Gable top milk and juice containers and aseptic bricks (UHT long-life milk).
- Nappies, used tissue paper, napkins, tea bags, waxed cardboard, plastic coated paper bags (cereal bags).

Remember - We cannot take your recycling bin if it contains items other than those listed above, if the lid cannot close or there is material outside your bin.

Where possible, flatten items to gain space in your bin, rinse items and leave lids off so they dry completely, then replace the lid. Don't place items inside of each other as they cannot be separated during processing and will likely end up in landfill.

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