

A – Z guide for waste and recycling

Unsure what items go where?

This guide will help you identify what can be recycled or recovered. Find your item on the list and match it with the action key.

More information

Phone the Waste Hotline on 4474 1024 or visit our website www.esc.nsw.gov.au/waste

Action key

- 1 General waste: red lid bin
- 2 Recycling: yellow lid bin
- 3 Garden organics: green lid bin
- 4 Recycled free at all Waste Management Facilities

- 5 General waste at all WMF
- 6 Community Recycling Centre at Surf Beach WMF
- 7 Household chemical cleanout collection
- 8 Hard waste collection

- 9 Surf Beach and Brou WMF
- 10 Compost bin/worm farm
- 11 Charity
- 12 Call Council on 4474 1024
- 13 Accepted at all WMF

Waste type	Action
Acids and alkalis	7
Aerosol cans (empty)	2 4
Aluminium cans	2 4
Aluminium foil	2 4
Animal droppings	1 5
Asbestos	12
Batteries (car)	4 6
Batteries (household)	4 6 7 12
Books	2 4 11 8
Bottles (plastic/glass)	2 4
Bricks	9
Broken glass	1 5
Bubble wrap	1 4
Building materials	9
Cars	9
Cardboard	2 4 10
Carpet	5 8
Chemicals	7
Chip packets	1 4
Cleaning products	7
Cling wrap/soft plastics	1 4
Clothing/textiles	1 11 12
Coffee cups	1 5
Computers and accessories	4
Concrete	9
Cooking oil	4 6
Crockery	1 5 8
Dead animals	9
Disposable nappies	1 5
Drums (empty)	4 8
DVD player	4
Egg cartons	2 4

Waste type	Action
Electronic equipment	4
Exercise equipment	4 8
Fertilisers	7
Fire extinguishers	6 7
Flares	12
Fluorescent tubes	4 6 7
Fridges	4 8
Fruit/vegetable scraps	1 5 10
Fuel	7
Furniture	8 9 11
Garden waste	3 10 13
Gas cylinders	6 7
Hot water system	4 8
Jars (plastic/glass)	2 4
Ink cartridges	4 12
Kitty litter	1 5
Lawn clippings	3 10 13
Lids (< credit card)	1 5
Lids (> credit card)	2 4
Magazines	2 4 11
Mattresses	9 12
Meat trays (foam)	1 5
Medicines	7 12
Milk containers	2 4
Mobile phones	4 12
Motor oil	4 6 7
Needles/syringes	7 12
Newspaper	2 4 10
Oven	4 8
Paint	6 7
Paint tins (dry only)	4
Paper	2 4 10

Waste type	Action
Paper towel	1 5 10
Pesticides	7
Pet food tins	2 4
Petrol	7
Pizza boxes (empty)	2 4
Plastic bags	1 4
Plastic containers	2 4
Poisons	7
Polystyrene packaging	1 4
Printers/scanners	4
Scrap metal	4 8
Shredded paper	1 5 10
Smoke detectors	6 7
Soil	12
Solar panels	12 13
Steel cans	2 4
Stereos	4
Televisions	4
Timber	9
Tissues	1 5 10
Toothbrushes/tubes	1 5
Toys	5 8 11
Tree prunings	3 13
Tyres	9
Vacuum cleaner dust	1 5 10
Waxed cardboard	1 5
White goods	4 8
Wrapping paper	2 4 10
X-rays	4