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## Which bin does it go in?

Are you unsure of which items should go in which bin? Would you like to know how to make the most efficient use of the three-bin system that operates throughout the Alexandrina Council region?

The following provides detailed information about what to put in each bin. More information is available on the [Kerbside Queries and FAQs page on FRWA's website at \[www.frwa.com.au\]\(http://www.frwa.com.au\)](#). If you can't find the answers to your questions here, contact FRWA on 8555 7405.

### General Waste Bin

Alexandrina and Victor Harbor – 140 L blue lid bin;

Your general waste bin is only for household waste that cannot be recycled or composted. The contents of this bin are disposed of to **landfill**.

These items should go in your general waste bin:

- Plastic bags, including magazine and newspaper wrapping, cereal bags and soft plastic food packaging
- Foil-type bags
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bin liners
- Bubble wrap
- Nappies, including those labeled 'biodegradable'
- Cat litter (unless it is made of newspaper, which can go in the green waste bin)
- Dog droppings in a plastic bag
- Vacuum dust (in a bag)
- Cigarette butts and ash
- Old clothing, shoes and fabric
- Irrigation and garden hoses
- Garden tools
- Loose plastic lids
- Crockery and drinking glasses (wrap in newspaper)
- Mirrors, oven-proof glass and window glass (wrap in newspaper)
- CDs, DVDs, video and audio tapes
- Dried-out paint

### Recycling Bin

Alexandrina, Victor Harbor and Yankalilla – 240 L yellow lid bin

Your recycling bin is for items that can be recycled into new products by our recycling contractor. Once your recycling bin has been collected it is sent to a materials recovery facility (MRF) where it is sorted

by a combination of high tech machines and manual labour. It is important that you follow the recycling guidelines to help reduce contamination and ensure the safety of those working on the sorting lines. The recycling truck driver has the right to refuse collection of recycling bins that contain contaminated or unsafe materials. Not all recyclable products are able to be recycled at kerbside. Just because a product has a recycling symbol doesn't mean it can automatically go into your recycling bin at home. Please follow the guidelines to ensure you are putting the correct items into your recycling bin.

These items should go in your recycling bin:

- Tins and cans
- Metal lids, contained inside a metal can (squash it so they don't fall out)
- Glass bottles and jars (NOT ovenproof glass, drinking glass, window glass or mirrors)
- Rigid plastic bottles and containers (rinsed) – 'rigid' refers to containers that spring back to their shape when squashed
- Cartons eg. long life milk, custard, fruit juice (rinsed)
- Paper, including newspaper and junk mail (NOT tissues or paper towels)
- Egg cartons
- Cardboard boxes
- Clean aluminium foil, scrunched into a fist-sized or larger ball
- Clean shredded paper, contained in a paper bag or cardboard box
- Clean pizza boxes
- Empty, dry paint tins
- Empty aerosol cans (the plastic lids and nozzles can go inside a plastic milk bottle)
- Clean empty plastic plant pots
- Household pots and pans
- Aerosol cans(empty)
- Aluminium rigid and semi rigid packaging including foil trays.

Plastic items including

- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) (1), (soft drink bottles)
- High density polyethylene (HDPE) (2) (milk and cream bottles)
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) (3) (cordial and juice bottles)
- Rigid plastic packaging, containers and plastic durables

Durable plastic items bigger than fist size including

- Plastic Toys
- Plastic containers
- Laundry baskets/buckets
- Flower/plant pots

Other rigid plastic packaging, containers and plastic durables including

- low-density polyethylene (LDPE) (4) (squeeze bottles)
- Polypropylene (PP) (5) (ice cream containers, plastic takeaway containers)
- Lids and caps can stay on bottles and jars (just give them a quick rinse)
- Bread tags

**REMEMBER** to rinse your bottles and jars before placing them in the recycling bin. It's OK to leave the labels on your recyclables. Any plastic containers that bounce back to their original shape when gently crushed are suitable for recycling.

Soft plastics that do not hold their shape cannot be recycled through the kerbside system. Most supermarkets recycle them, otherwise they need to go in your general waste bin.

**DO NOT put your recyclables inside a plastic bag.**

Be Proactive

- **REDUCE** – always better than recycling – by purchasing products without excess packaging, you will be reducing the amount of waste and recycling you produce in the first place.
- **RINSE** – containers with your leftover dishwashing water.
- **SQUASH** – the containers as flat as possible so you can fit more into your recycling bin.
- **IN ADDITION** – paper, cardboard, plastic and metal can be taken to **South Coast Bottle and Can Co** (located at Goolwa Depot)
- **CASH IT, DON'T TRASH IT** – take your CDL (container deposit legislation) cans and bottles to **South Coast Bottle and Can Co** (located at Goolwa Depot) to recover the 10c deposit.

**Green Waste Bin (where applicable)**

Alexandrina, Victor Harbor and kangaroo Island township areas – 240 L green lid bin.

The contents of your green waste bin are taken to FRWA's Waste & Recycling Depot or Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre, where they are mulched and pasteurized to produce high-quality garden mulch. Only compostable materials can go in your green waste bin, including food scraps and garden trimmings. Remember the motto: "If it grows, in it goes!"

Everything on this list can go in your green waste bin:

- Food scraps and peels
- Cake and bread scraps
- Fruit and vegetables
- Teabags, tea leaves and coffee grounds
- Meat scraps and seafood
- Egg shells and soft shellfish casings
- Cheese and yoghurt
- Leftovers
- Takeaway foods (eg. pizza and chips)
- Compostable corn starch bags that meet Australian Standard 4736
- Tissues and paper towels
- Small amounts of cooking oil
- Hair (human and pet hair)
- Pizza boxes that have food stuck to them
- Soiled straw or shredded paper animal bedding
- Wood ash (let it cool down first)
- Lawn clippings

- Sawdust
- Leaves, twigs and flowers
- Fallen leaves and fruit
- Prunings
- Branches up to 15 cm diameter
- Weeds (shake off as much soil as you can)

You can put food scraps loose into your green waste bin, or wrap them in newspaper or a compostable corn starch bag. If you are concerned about odours from meat and fish scraps, you can freeze them and add them to the bin when you put it out for collection.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**DO NOT put any plastic bags in your green waste bin. This includes 'degradable' doggy waste bags.**

**DO NOT put nappies in your green waste bin, even if they say 'biodegradable' or 'compostable'. All nappies must go in the general waste bin.**

**DO NOT put vacuum cleaner dust or cigarette butts or cigarette ash in your green waste bin. These items must go in the general waste bin.**

**DO NOT put soil, stones, bricks, plant pots, plastics and garden hoses in your green waste bin.**

Green waste bins will be audited for contamination from time to time. If there are contaminants found in your bin, it will be identified with a 'bin problem' sticker, and your bin will not be collected. PLEASE NOTE: **FRWA will not continue to service green waste bins that are regularly contaminated.**

### **Items That Cannot Go In Any Bin**

Some items must NOT be placed in ANY bin. These include:

- All liquid waste (paint and oil)
- Building and construction waste (steel, concrete, bricks, timber and builders' rubble)
- Automobile components (including car tyres and car batteries)
- Rocks and earth
- Electrical waste (e-waste)
- Hazardous waste (toxic and household chemicals, asbestos, paints and thinners)
- Radioactive materials
- Hot ashes
- Medical waste
- Gas cylinders
- Flares, ammunition and explosives

For more information on how to dispose of these 'tricky waste' items, go to [Items Accepted at Waste & Recycling Depots](http://www.frwa.com.au) on FRWA's website [www.frwa.com.au](http://www.frwa.com.au)