

Get it right on bin night:

We've dropped our bundle and it's time to lift our waste separation game back to the nation leading spot it once was.

What do you do with the plastic wrapping on your Messenger newspaper? Do you bundle up your recyclables in a plastic bag? Where do you put your electronic waste? If your yellow lid bin gets full do you reach for the red or green lid bin? The answers to these questions are important for environmental and financial reasons.

If we contaminate our yellow lid bin with non-kerbside recyclable materials, much of our otherwise recyclable material will be buried in landfill and this is the least desirable environmental outcome with long-term harmful consequences. Our success depends on each and every one of us.

If we as a community use our yellow lid bin correctly, Council will get an income return per tonne, which will help to keep our rates low. If we as a community do not use our yellow lid bin correctly and our contamination rate exceeds 10 per cent, we will receive a modified income per tonne or no income at all depending on how high the contamination rate grows.

Council recently conducted an audit on the contents of the recycle yellow lid bins. Comparative to our neighbouring Councils, we are the best performing with an average contamination rate of 9.78 per cent. This is good news but not great news because our previous average was 5.9 per cent. Our overall performance in diverting our total waste produced from landfill is also slipping, from a high of 62.25 per cent to the current 54 per cent. So it is time for a refresher course.



What are our most common bloopers?

- ✗ **Food waste** must go in your green lid bin and not the red lid bin.
- ✗ **Electronic waste** is hazardous and not recyclable via your yellow lid bin.
- ✗ **Clothing and textiles** are not recyclable via your yellow lid bin. If they are not suitable for a charity donation, then please place them in your red lid bin or look for a recycler that may utilise them as industrial rags.
- ✓ **Place your recyclables loose** in your yellow lid bin. If you put them in a plastic bag, the entire bag (including the contents) will be removed at the recycling facility and thrown away to landfill.
- ✗ **Soft plastics** (like the wrapper on your Messenger newspaper or shopping/bread bags or cling film) are not recyclable and should not be placed in your yellow lid bin. Most supermarkets will have soft plastic recycling bins at the front of the store for you to use.
- ✓ **Talk to Council about leasing additional kerbside bins** or increasing the size of your bins rather than turning to your green or red lid bin when the yellow lid bin is full. There are a variety of options available.

If in doubt, please visit www.burnside.sa.gov.au where you will find comprehensive information about what goes in which bin or call/email us on 8366 4200 or burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au.

Alternative options

E-waste

All residents of the City of Burnside can drop off their electronic waste for FREE at the Glen Osmond Recycle Centre (GORC). Items such as televisions, computers, hi-fi equipment, stereos and even whitegoods are accepted.



Bring along your proof of identity and residence (driver's licence) so that you don't have to pay for the drop off service. Stuart and his team will also accept scrap metal items, car/truck batteries and cardboard (packing boxes).

Recycling depot

If you want your 10 cents worth, GORC is also licensed to exchange your beverage containers and return the deposit to you. Great for boosting the kids pocket money stash!

No need for an appointment.

Glen Osmond Recycle Centre

389 Glen Osmond Road, Glen Osmond, Phone: 8379 9955

Open Monday to Friday 8.30 am - 4.30 pm and
Saturday 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Have you booked your FREE Hard Waste collection for 2016 yet? There is only a short waiting period so get online at www.eastwaste.com.au or call 8347 5170. You do not need to be home for the collection.

Recycle Right

Do's

- ✓ Drink cans, food cans, empty aerosol cans and clean aluminium foil or trays (rolled into a ball the size of your hand or placed in an aluminium can – like milo)
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars (rinsed and lids off)
- ✓ Paper (excluding carbon and laminate) and cardboard (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, egg cartons, flattened boxes)
- ✓ Pizza boxes (without food)
- ✓ All rigid plastic containers (plastic drink bottles, yoghurt, ice cream and margarine tubs, detergent bottles – rinsed and lids off)
- ✓ Lids can be recycled:
Hard plastic lids can be collected in plastic milk bottle, sealed and once full placed into recycling bin. You can also slit a plastic milk bottle down the side and place lids from butter, margarine or ice cream containers inside for recycling.
Metal bottle tops and jar lids may be collected in a can, crushed to seal and placed into recycling bin.

Don'ts

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| ✗ Plastic bags | ✗ Cling film |
| ✗ Polystyrene foam | ✗ Fabric or clothing |
| ✗ Car parts or gas bottles | ✗ Mirrors or light globes/tubes |
| ✗ Food scraps | ✗ Nappies |
| ✗ Window or drinking glass | ✗ Crockery, pyrex and ceramics |
| ✗ Garden waste or tools | ✗ E-waste |

