

# Waste & Recycling Guide

## 2024 – 2025

FOR RESIDENTS



The City of Perth is working to align with the State's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 to become a sustainable, low-waste, circular economy in which human health and the environment are protected from the impacts of waste.

## Waste and Recycling Targets

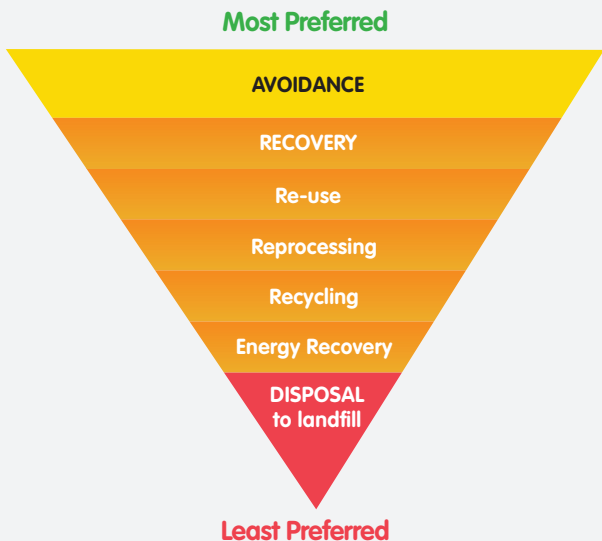
Australians send more than 20 million tonnes of waste to landfill every year. We just put things in the bin and the council takes it away. It's out of sight and out of mind. But the amount of waste we generate is a big problem, and it's only getting bigger.

The state government have set a target of 70 percent material recovery (diversion from landfill) by 2025. In the 2022/2023 financial year, the City of Perth recycled 3,951 tonnes of waste and a total recovery rate of 23.05%.

Therefore, it is very important that the City of Perth, together with its residents, businesses, and visitors, aim to minimise waste as much as possible, and utilise all recycling services correctly.

## The Waste Hierarchy

The waste hierarchy (please see below) ranks waste management options in order of their environmental desirability. Waste avoidance is the most preferred option and disposal (to landfill) is the least preferred option.



## Avoidance

The best way to deal with waste is to prevent it in the first place. Consider what you're buying and use alternatives that don't create waste.

## Re-Use

Rather than throwing things away, we should check to see if it can be used again, repaired or repurposed.

## Reprocessing

Using materials that would otherwise become waste (such as off-cuts) during the production process.

## Recycling

When we recycle something, we convert the item back into raw materials that can be used to create new products.

## Energy Recovery

Some waste can be converted into energy, allowing us to recover some of the value of the material used to create it.

## Disposal To Landfill

If waste isn't reused, recycled or recovered it ends up in the environment or in landfill

## When is my bin collected?

Please see the sticker on the back of your bin for your address and collection day and time (day/night)

THIS BIN IS **RESERVED**

City of Perth

Company Business Name

Address

Bin registration no:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Night	Day
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For further information ring 0800 01 30 27

### NIGHT

Your bin must be out for collection before **8pm**

### DAY

Your bin must be out before **6am**

For West Perth residents, your general waste (landfill) bin must be out before **4pm**. If your sticker has faded, call City of Perth customer service on 9461 3333.



## RECYCLING

Collected weekly

What **CAN** I recycle in my yellow lid bin?



Plastic bottles\*  
+ containers  
(remove all lids)



Glass bottles +  
Jars (including  
broken glass)



Aluminium +  
steel cans



Take eligible items  
to a Containers  
for Change refund  
point to get **10c** back  
*refer to page 9*

[containersforchange.com.au/wa](http://containersforchange.com.au/wa)



Cardboard  
(flattened) +  
cartons



Magazines +  
paper (no  
shredded paper)

## What **CAN'T** I put in my yellow lid bin?



Food or  
liquids



Silver lined  
cartons



Bagged  
recycling



Soft plastics + lids



Aerosols\*



Coffee cups



Meat trays



Polystyrene\*



Clothing\*

\* To find drop off locations for these items, please visit  
[RecycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest](http://RecycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest)

# Loose

Items should always be loose. Bagged items cannot be recycled.



# Rinse

Empty and rinse your recyclables to reduce contamination.

# Lids off

Remove all lids from bottles and containers.



All Lids to be placed into the General Waste Bin.  
Eligible Containers for Change lids can be taken to a refund point. Refer to page 9.

Recycling is taken to **Veolia's Material Recovery Facility (MRF)** in Bibra Lake where recyclable materials are separated, baled and then transported to manufacturers for reprocessing into new products including paper, packaging, road base, clothes, carpet, outdoor furniture, appliances and parts for bikes, cars and airplanes.



For more recycling information, scan the QR code or visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au](https://recycleright.wa.gov.au)



## GARDEN ORGANICS (GO)

Collected fortnightly

What **CAN** I put in my green lid bin?



Prunings +  
common weeds



Branches  
(under 1m)



Leaves +  
grass clippings

Verge collections can handle larger branches etc  
than the GO collections.

## What **CAN'T** I put in my green lid bin?



Food



Dog/animal  
poo



Plastic  
bags



Plastic  
pots

## Garden Organics (GO) collection areas



A larger version of this map is available online  
at [perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents](http://perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents)

# Garden Organics (GO) collection days

## March 2024

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## April 2024

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## May 2024

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## June 2024

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## July 2024

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## August 2024

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## September 2024

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

## October 2024

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## November 2024

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## December 2024

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## January 2025

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## February 2025

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Please refer to [perth.wa.gov.au/live-and-work/residents/rubbish-waste-and-recycling](https://perth.wa.gov.au/live-and-work/residents/rubbish-waste-and-recycling) for any disruption to bin collection services around public holidays



## GENERAL WASTE (LANDFILL)

Collected weekly

What **CAN** I put in my red lid bin?



General rubbish



Food scraps



Plastic bags + Soft plastics



Nappies



Metal + plastic lids\*



Styrofoam + polystyrene\*



Eligible containers for change lids can be taken to a refund point.  
[containersforchange.com.au/wa](https://containersforchange.com.au/wa)

*refer to page 9*

## What **CAN'T** I put in my red lid bin?



Paint\*



Aerosols\*



Batteries\*



Construction waste  
(cement, bricks, rubble, sand)\*



Hazardous waste\*

\* To find drop off locations for these items, please visit  
[RecycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest](https://RecycleRight.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest)





# WE CAN BEAT IT IF WE DON'T FEED IT

**IF YOU SEE THE 10¢ MARK ON  
YOUR DRINK CONTAINERS,  
DON'T THROW THEM AWAY**

Join the Western Australians giving them another life with Containers for Change. Refunds can be received via your member number or cash. Or, donate your refund to a charity or local community group that is important to you.



## **CONTAINER REFUND POINT**

**8 Aberdeen Street, Perth**

Full service including cash refund, bag drop and member number



## **REVERSE VENDING MACHINE REFUND POINT**

**68a Roe Street, Northbridge**

Member number refund only



## **OPENING HOURS AT BOTH LOCATIONS:**

Monday to Friday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Closed on public holidays

The City of Perth offers a free collection service for businesses and apartment buildings with a full refund via your member number. Please email [CDS.inbox@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:CDS.inbox@cityofperth.wa.gov.au) to find out more.



## **FIND OUT MORE**

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
[PERTH.WA.GOV.AU/CONTAINERS-FOR-CHANGE](http://PERTH.WA.GOV.AU/CONTAINERS-FOR-CHANGE)

## Residential bulk verge collection

The City of Perth provides two verge collections (March and September) for residents each year. You will be given at least two weeks' notice of the collection date.

**This residential verge collection **WILL REMOVE**:**



Whitegoods  
Stoves, freezers,  
refrigerators  
(doors removed), etc



Electronic waste  
Televisions, computers, printers,  
mobile phones, DVD & CD Players,  
VCRs, and Hi-Fi Equipment



Old furniture  
mattresses



Garden waste  
Tree and shrub prunings up to 1.5m in  
length and up to 30cm in diameter, lawn  
clippings & leaves in boxes or bags

- Place items in separate piles as per above groupings
- Neatly place items on the street verge
- Items must be able to be lifted by **maximum** 2 people
- Ensure items do not obstruct the footpath for pedestrians

**Some items (including hazardous waste)  
WILL NOT BE REMOVED during the verge collection.**



Construction waste  
(cement, bricks,  
rubble, sand)



Tyres +  
motor oil



Vehicle parts

See the next page for how to dispose of items not collected (including hazardous waste). For more information, visit **[perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents](http://perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents)**

Items collected during verge collections are taken to a sorting facility to ensure as many items as possible are recycled. Please assess all items for recycling and reuse options before putting them out for verge collection.

## Drop-off facility

Did you know most items not collected during the verge collection can be taken to:

### Recycling Centre Balcatta

238 Balcatta Road, Balcatta | 9205 8555

**Please note:** fees may apply to some items so please contact the facility before you visit for the most up-to-date information.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

This waste is hazardous to the environment and should **NOT** be placed in any of your bins! This includes items such as (but not limited to):



Household light globes and tubes



Printer cartridges



Paint, aerosols & chemicals



Batteries



Gas cylinders



Smoke alarms

Did you know there are multiple locations to drop off your HHW for free? To find out more, please visit:

- [recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest](https://recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest)
- [wastenet.net.au/hhw](https://wastenet.net.au/hhw)
- [paintback.com.au](https://paintback.com.au)
- [techcollect.com.au](https://techcollect.com.au)

# City of Perth Contacts

## Waste and Recycling enquiries

9461 3333

[info@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@cityofperth.wa.gov.au)

[perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents](http://perth.wa.gov.au/waste-residents)

[perth.wa.gov.au/waste-businesses](http://perth.wa.gov.au/waste-businesses)

## Goodbye Graffiti

1800 442 255

The City is reducing the number of guides we are printing and delivering to your household. Guides will be available online and can be collected from the Library, Council House and Citiplace.

This initiative is helping the City become more sustainable and low-waste by reducing the number of guides printed.

Alternative options are available if you cannot collect a guide in person; please get in touch with the City on 9461 3333 or by email.



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