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**Accepted items**
Place these loose in your recycle bin *(not in plastic bags)*.

- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic milk, juice, soft drink and detergent bottles
- Cardboard boxes *(crushed and torn to prevent jamming)*
- Aluminium and steel cans, aerosols and scrunched clean foil
- Milk and juice cardboard cartons
- Plastic plant pots
- Toilet rolls
- Shampoo / conditioner bottles
- Cardboard takeaway container
- Plastic takeaway container

**Codes**
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- Steel pots and pans
- Letters, envelopes and advertising material
- Newspapers and magazines
- Pizza boxes
- Telephone books and printing paper

**Other items to include**
- Food waste
- Green waste
- Broken crockery or pyrex glass
- Nappies
- Syringes
- Styrofoam and Electronic waste
- Biodegradable plastics *(biopak)*

**Other items NOT to include**
- Plastic bags / wraps
- Waxed cardboard
- Plastic milk, juice, soft drink and detergent bottles
- Food waste
- Green waste
- Nappies
- Syringes
- Styrofoam and Electronic waste
- Biodegradable plastics *(biopak)*

**Home composting**
Creating compost is a great way to cut down on your waste impact and give something back to your garden. All food scraps *(except meat and dairy)* as well as grass, clippings, dried leaves and prunings can all be composted at home. Compost is one of the best ways to put nutrients back into your gardens soil and reduces the need for artificial fertilisers.

If you don’t have a garden there are still many options to sustainably dispose of your organic waste. Worm farms and stand-alone units such as bokashi bins can easily fit into a balcony or courtyard.

**Weekly recycling collection**

**Collection**
Bins must be kerbside by 6 am on collection day and all items must be placed inside the bins. General items outside your bin will not be collected. Please ensure you return bins to your property within 24 hours of collection.

- Milk and juice cardboard cartons
- Plastic plant pots

**Other items to include**
- Toilet rolls
- Shampoo / conditioner bottles
- Cardboard takeaway container
- Plastic takeaway container

**Other items NOT to include**
- Plastic wrap
- Window glass
- Gas cylinders
- Clothing shoes or toys

Get 50% off a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi bin and start cutting your waste.

General household waste
Put these items in your green lid garbage bin (maroon bin in South Melbourne, Middle Park and Albert Park).

Tableware, ceramics and pyrex ✓ Nappies ✓ Plastic bags ✓ Other items to include
✓ Meat
✓ Broken window glass (wrapped)
✓ Soiled paper and cling wrap

Not accepted
Do NOT put these items in your waste bin.

Cooking oil chemicals or liquids ✗ Syringes ✗ Gas cylinders ✗

Collection
Food and green waste can go in the garbage if you can’t compost or book a green waste collection. Please ensure you return bins to your property within 24 hours of collection.

Collection map
Garbage and recycling bins in the City of Port Phillip are collected weekly.
The map shows your collection day.

Bin placement
Follow these guidelines to help make collection easy and efficient.
Face the wheels of the bins away from the roadside and close to the kerb.
Bins must be kerbside by 6 am.

Overfilled bins will not be emptied.
They cause street litter and can be too heavy for the trucks to lift.
Extra bags and boxes outside the bins will also not be collected.
Corner White and Boundary Streets, South Melbourne.
Phone 9209 6686

Hours of operation
Monday to Friday 7.30 am - 3.30 pm.
Saturday and Sunday 9am - 1pm.
Closed all public holidays.

Fees and charges
All recyclable items: A car load is free of charge, larger amounts may incur a fee.
Non-recyclable items: A fee is charged on all rubbish. Contact the centre for details.
Green waste: Up to one trailer load is free of charge to residents only.

Why?
The Resource Recovery Centre recycling process recovers valuable materials to make new products. The Centre also controls any toxic, hazardous by-products from the waste that you can take here.

What can I drop off?

Non-recyclable items
General household rubbish, furniture, small amounts of timber (take larger items to your closest landfill).

Recyclable items
General household recyclables (glass, cans, plastic, paper and cardboard), clean green waste, iron and steel in small amounts, white goods and electronic waste, household batteries, light bulbs, gas bottles, motor and cooking oil, corks, plastic pots, household paint.

Not accepted
Bricks, soil or building rubble cannot be taken to the Resource Recovery Centre. They must be taken to landfill.

Electronic waste
Any residential electronic waste (e-waste) can be taken to the Resource Recovery Centre for FREE disposal and will be process by EPA accredited contractor MRI E-Cycle Solutions.

Electronic waste includes any item with a cord or battery (e.g. televisions, computers, mobile phones, household appliances, white goods).

Electronic waste ban
Council has produced a short film to promote electronic waste recycling to assist residents with the electronic waste ban to landfill coming into effect in July 2018.

The short film and a full list of what e-waste can be recycled through the Resource Recovery Centre can be found by visiting: www.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Green waste
Green waste is mulched and made available to residents free of charge. Supply is subject to availability so call ahead.
Port Phillip households are entitled to four free pickups per year and blocks of flats and apartments are entitled up to six free pickups per year. You must book before you put your rubbish out.

Making a booking - and easy step-by-step process

01 Book
- Call and book before you put your rubbish out. We will advise you of the collection date.
- Telephone 9209 6777 from 9 am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday to arrange your pickup.
- Remember if you don’t book your pickup we can’t collect it.

02 Assess and place out
- Place materials out no earlier than the day before collection day.
- Minimum of a half a cubic metre.
- Maximum of two cubic metres of hard waste and two cubic green waste (about the size of a single axle trailer) for houses and up to six cubic meters for flats and apartments
- Unaccepted material (listed below) will not be collected.
- Maximum length of 1.5 metres for all items.
- Maximum 50 kg per item.

03 Sort acceptable items
Please sort materials into three piles
- **Hard waste**
  - Including household furniture, mattresses and bed bases, china, window glass and mirrors (securely wrapped and marked ‘glass’), timber (small quantities), carpet and linoleum
- **Metal / whitegoods / electronic waste**
  - Including whitegoods and appliances (remove fridge doors), televisions, computers and monitors, metal baths, empty oil heaters/tanks and hot water systems, empty paint tins (lids off), metal car parts, spouting, scrap metal, tools and equipment
- **Green waste**
  - Grass clippings, weeds, vines, and leaves (boxed). Tree cuttings and prunings bundled and tied with string or twine with a maximum length of 1.5 metres

_ Not accepted_ 
- Household rubbish or recyclables
- Rubble
- Concrete
- Bricks
- Excavation or building material
- Industrial or hazardous waste
- Waste motor oil
- Asbestos
- Liquid waste
- Chemicals
- Pesticides or paint
- Car batteries
- Tyres
- Soil
- Untied clippings or prunings
- Clippings or prunings tied with wire or plastic
- Gas bottles

Help keep our City’s streets and laneways clean.

Illegal dumping of rubbish carries heavy penalties including fines up to $9,328 and / or one month’s imprisonment.

If you see dumped rubbish, report it and help Council identify illegal dumpers. Let’s work together to get dumped rubbish off our streets.

To report dumped rubbish or to book a FREE hard waste collection contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777 or visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au
### A-Z guide for recycling and waste

**To use this guide:** Find your item in this A-Z list, and use its action number to see what to do with your waste.

**Remember:** Most food containers can be recycled (unless they are made of soft plastic or foam) so all you have to do is scrape out your food scraps and put the container in the recycling bin.

#### Waste type | Action
---|---
Aerosol cans | 3
Aluminium cans | 3
Aluminium foil | 3
Animal droppings | 3
Asbestos | 3
Bag ties | 3
Band aids | 3
Baskets | 3
Batteries (alkaline, NiMH, NiCad) | 3
Batteries (car) | 3
Beer bottles | 4
Beer cans | 4
Biodegradable plastic | 5
Bottle tops (plastic or metal) | 3
Boxes (cardboard) | 4
Branches | 7
Bricks and rubble | 7
Building materials | 7
Cake trays (plastic) | 3
Cans | 3
Car auto parts (small) | 3
Car batteries | 4
Carbon paper | 4
Cardboard | 7
Carpet/carpet underlay | 2
Cartridges [printer/toner] | 11
Cassette/VHS tapes | 5
Cellophane | 3
Ceramics (broken) | 3
Ceramics (intact) | 3
Cereal boxes | 3
Chemicals | 3
Cigarette butts | 3
Cleaning rags | 3
Cling wrap | 3
Clothing | 7
Clothing baskets | 10
Coffee cups | 5
Coffee pods | 3

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#### Waste type | Action
---|---
Computer tablet | 9
Computer parts | 9
Concrete | 7
Corks | 11
Cotton wool buds | 3
Cups and saucers (intact) | 10
Cups and saucers (broken) | 5
Curtains | 10
Cutlery (metal) | 10
Cutlery (plastic) | 3
Detergent bottles (plastic) | 8
Doors | 2
Drums (empty) | 9
DVD players | 7
Electrical appliances | 2
Fluorescent tubes | 4
Foam underlay | 3
Fridges | 2
Fruit / vegetables scraps | 3
Furniture | 2
Garden waste (grass, leaves, weeds) | 3
Gas bottles | 3
Glad wrap (clean) | 12
Glad wrap (contaminated) | 5
Hot water units | 2
Household chemicals | 4
Jar lids (metal or plastic) | 4
Jars | 8
Juice cartons | 8
Kettles | 9
Kitty litter | 2
Leaves | 3
Liquid waste | 11
Light bulbs | 5
Light tubes | 5
Lolly wrappers (plastic) | 8
Lolly wrappers (intact) | 5

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#### Waste type | Action
---|---
Magazines/junk mail | 10
Matchboxes | 3
Mattresses | 7
Meat scraps | 7
Meat trays (foam) | 7
Medicine bottles (empty/rinsed) | 3
Medicines | 1
Milk bottles | 3
Milk cartons | 3
Mobile phones | 9
Motor oil | 9
Nappies (disposable) | 5
Needles/syringes | 1
Newspapers | 3
Office paper | 8
Oils | 4
Ovens | 9
Paint | 1
Paint tins (dry only) | 9
Pallets | 7
Paper | 1
Paper towel | 4
Pesticides | 4
Pet food tins | 4
Pizza boxes (empty) | 3
Plant cuttings | 10
Plant pots | 13
Plasterboard | 12
Plastic bags (clean) | 12
Plastic bags (contaminated) | 7
Plastic containers | 4
Plastics codes 1-7 | 4
Plastic food wrappers (clean) | 12
Plastic strapping | 7
Plastic wrappers | 7
Pyrex ovenware (broken) | 7
Pyrex ovenware (intact) | 10

### Contact Information

1. Call ASSIST on 9209 6777
2. Hard waste booking
3. Compost bin/worm farm
4. Detox your home program
5. Garbage bin
6. School, childcare centre or kindergarten
7. Landfill
8. Recycling bin
9. Resource Recovery centre
10. Charities/Op shops
11. Contact commercial suppliers
12. Coles or Woolworths (Recycle). Bundled in a plastic bag
13. Call ASSIST on 9209 6777

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- **Pyrex ovenware (intact)**
- **Rubble**
- **School bags**
- **Scrap metal**
- **Shoes**
- **Smoke alarms**
- **Soft drink bottles**
- **Soft drink cans**
- **Soil**
- **Sporting goods**
- **Steel (not cans)**
- **Steel cans**
- **Steel pots**
- **Stereo**
- **Stoves**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Take away containers (empty and rinsed)**
- **Tea bags (nylon)**
- **Tea bags (cotton, paper or silk)**
- **Televisions**
- **Textiles**
- **Timber (small)**
- **Tin cans**
- **Tissues**
- **Toasters**
- **Toilet paper rolls**
- **Toys**
- **Tree pruning**
- **Twill**
- **Tyres**
- **Vacuum cleaner dust**
- **Vegetable scraps**
- **Vinyl**
- **Washing machines**
- **Waxed cardboard/paper**
- **Windows**
- **Wine bottles**
- **Waxing paper**
- **Wrapping paper**