

CORRECT DISPOSAL



Do the Right Thing. Use the Right Bin.

Dispose of waste in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

What is correct disposal?

The waste management hierarchy is a set of priorities for the most effective use of resources. The hierarchy gives top priority to avoiding overconsumption and waste to begin with, followed by reducing as much waste as possible, reusing and repairing items we already have so they don't become waste, recycling and recovering eligible materials, and finally disposal.



Sometimes waste disposal is unavoidable. However, where possible consider all waste management options available to you prior to disposal. Correct disposal ensures waste items end up in the right place and items which can be recycled don't go to landfill. This action keeps our environment cleaner, reduces risks to waste workers and can save you disposal costs.

The impacts of not disposing of waste correctly

- Valuable resources that could have been recycled are lost
- Risks of land, water and air pollution if appropriate methods of disposal are not used
- Health and safety consequences for waste workers and the community if hazardous waste is placed in kerbside bins and not disposed of correctly



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SUSTAINABLE BATHURST
A BETTER FUTURE



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RECYCLING

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CHOOSE TO REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

How you can help

Understanding the importance of where to discard waste items is essential to be able to practice correct disposal every time.

Households in Bathurst have a 3-bin kerbside service so you can separate your waste correctly:

Yellow lid recycling bin

- For clean paper and cardboard, glass jars and bottles, milk and juice cartons, plastic bottles, and containers, aluminium foil, and trays.

Lime green lid food organics, garden organics (FOGO) bin

- For all food scraps including fruit and vegetable scraps, seafood, eggshells, meat and bones, tea bags and coffee grounds, compostable caddy liners (Australian Standard AS 4736-2006 only), and all garden waste including grass clippings, plant pruning's, sticks and small branches. These items must go into the lime green lid FOGO bin and not the red lid general waste bin as food waste rotting in landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide which contributes to global warming.

Red lid general waste bin

- For all residual waste that cannot go into the other two bins. Including soft plastics, polystyrene, packaging, treated timber, broken crockery/cutlery and other non-recyclable household rubbish.

Hazardous waste including batteries does not belong in any of the kerbside bins.



Other disposal options

- **Bathurst Waste Management Centre (WMC):** Discover the many disposal areas at the WMC including textile recycling, e-waste, green waste, bricks and concrete, metal and more.
- **Community Recycling Centre (CRC):** Located at the Bathurst Waste Management Centre the CRC accepts paint, gas bottles, aerosols, fluoro globes and tubes, motor and other oils, household and car batteries and smoke detectors.
- **Household chemicals:** Council endeavours to have a chemical collection at least once a year. Apart from this collection, chemical disposal is available through private contractors.
- **Household batteries, printer cartridges and mobile phones:** Bathurst Regional Council has a drop off point for these items located in the Council Civic Centre foyer.
- **Agricultural chemicals:** To have unwanted rural chemicals collected phone ChemClear on 1800 008 182 to register. Bookings are essential. For more information: chemclear.com.au
- **Hazardous waste:** Contact the Waste Management Centre on 6338 2855 for more information and to book appropriate waste disposal services where available.

If you have items to dispose that are in fair condition, why not consider donating them to a local second-hand shop or taking them to The Junktion to give them another life? The Junktion is a resource recovery centre and is located off College Road just before the Waste Management Centre.

For more information visit:

- bathurst.nsw.gov.au/services/waste-recycling
- recyclingnearyou.com.au