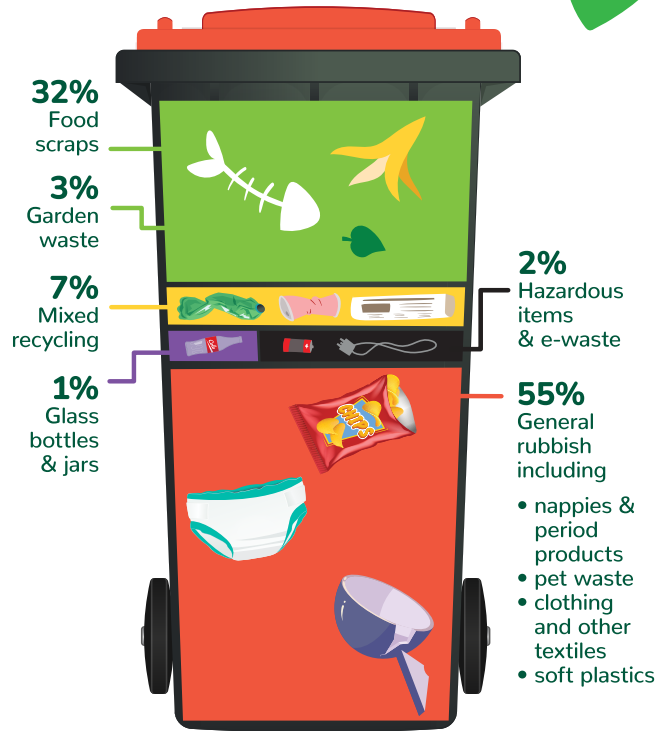


What's in most rubbish bins?



A to Z recycling guide

Learn how to recycle or safely dispose of many common household items. Visit our A to Z guide to waste and recycling: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/azguide

Top tip – Recycle Right!

The easiest way to reduce waste in your rubbish bin is to put the right items in the right bin.

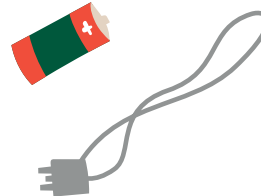
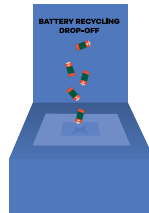
Update your recycling knowledge today: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/recycle-right

Batteries and e-waste **don't** belong in any bin

E-waste (electronic waste) is anything with a battery or cord. Book a hard waste collection or take it to a designated recycling drop-off point.

Take household batteries to a recycling station at one of our Customer Service Centres or a B-cycle battery drop-off point. Find your nearest one here: bcycle.com.au/drop-off

Learn more: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/ewaste



Scan the QR code for more tips:



These items are dangerous in our bins.

Need more help?

Visit: conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/reduce-waste

Email: wasteprojects@merri-bek.vic.gov.au

Call: 9240 1111

Speak with us in your language

Per maggiori informazioni nella tua lingua, chiama il numero **9280 1911**

如需了解更多您语言版本的信息, 请致电 **9280 0750**

Για να μάθετε περισσότερα στη γλώσσα σας, καλέστε το **9280 1912**

Para saber más en tu idioma llama al **9280 1916**

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Để tìm hiểu thêm bằng ngôn ngữ của bạn, hãy gọi **9280 1915**

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To speak with us in a language not listed here, please call **9280 1919**

Kendi dilinizde daha fazla bilgi edinmek için **9280 1914**'ü arayın

For more information visit merri-bek.vic.gov.au/your-language

Reduce your household waste

Get ready to trial fortnightly rubbish collections by learning how to reduce your waste at home.



1 Start by taking notice of what you put in your rubbish bin.

2 Explore this guide to find out how you can make space in your rubbish bin and send less waste to landfill.

Reducing household waste not only frees up space in your rubbish bin. It also keeps valuable resources out of landfill so that they can be used again and again.



Food scraps and garden waste



- Put **food scraps and garden waste** in your food and garden organics (FOGO) bin. They will be turned into compost and used by Victorian farmers to grow our food.
- Most food scraps can go in your FOGO bin, including meat and bones. Find out what can go in your FOGO bin and how to reduce smells here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/FOGO
- You can pick up a kitchen caddy from one of our Customer Service Centres to collect your food scraps in. Use a paper bag to line your caddy or put food scraps in the bin loosely.
- Reduce food waste at home and save money. For tips on how to meal plan, shop smarter, store food and use up leftovers visit: conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/eat-it-dont-bin-it
- Need a bigger FOGO bin? Order one here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/FOGO
- Got bulky garden waste? Book a hard waste collection to dispose of bundled branches. Book here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/hard-waste



Recycling and glass

- Put **plastic bottles and containers, paper and cardboard, aluminium and steel cans** in your yellow mixed recycling bin
- Put **glass bottles and jars** in your purple glass recycling bin. Learn more here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/glass-bins
- Take eligible drink containers to a CDS refund point for a 10-cent refund. Find your nearest refund point here: cdsvic.org.au/locations
- Flatten and squash cardboard boxes and plastic bottles to make more space in your recycling bin
- Book a hard waste collection to dispose of bulky cardboard. Book here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/hard-waste
- Don't put excess recycling in your rubbish bin. Need a bigger bin? Order one here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/recycling-bins



General rubbish



- Squash **soft plastics** firmly into one bag to make more space in your rubbish bin
- Shop smarter – choose products with less packaging and avoid single-use items like take away coffee cups
- Give items a second life – donate them to charity, repair broken goods, host a garage sale or give them away through an online group like Hard Rubbish Rescue
- Give reusable cloth **nappies and period products** a go. We'll give you a discount on the purchase price of cloth nappies and/or period products. Learn more here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/reducingwaste
- Try composting your **pet's poo**. You can get a discount on pet poo composting kits. Learn more here: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/composting



Donate, swap or give away **clothing, shoes and other textiles** in good condition