

# Merri-bek's 4-bin waste service

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## User guide



### This is your guide on:

- How to use your bins
- How to reduce household waste
- Where to go for more information



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# What goes in each bin

For a full list visit: [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins)

**Not in any bin:** Electronic waste or power cords, batteries of any kind, chemicals or hazardous waste, building waste, soil or rubble. Find out how to dispose of these and other household items: [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/azguide](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/azguide)

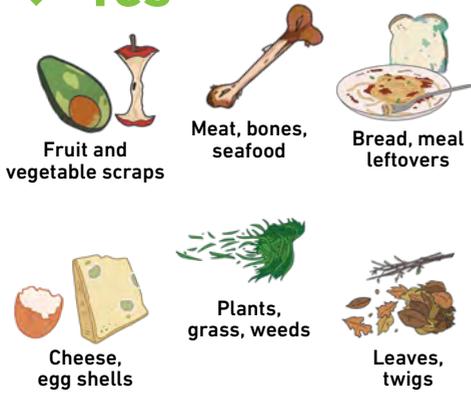
**When to put your bins out:** Check the online bin collection calendar to find out what week to put each of your bins out: [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bin-collection-calendar](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bin-collection-calendar)

## Food and garden organics

Collected weekly

- Put food scraps and garden clippings in the bin loose, not in bags
- You can use paper towels to wrap food waste

✓ Yes



⊘ No



## General rubbish

Collected weekly

- Use this bin only for items that can't be reused or recycled
- Food waste no longer goes in your general rubbish bin

✓ Yes



⊘ No



## Mixed recycling

Collected fortnightly\*

- Put recycling in the bin loose, not in bags
- Items must be empty
- Flatten cardboard boxes to save space

✓ Yes



⊘ No



## Glass recycling

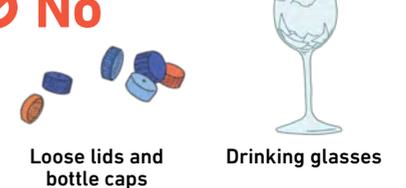
Collected every 4 weeks (monthly)

- Put glass bottles and jars in the bin loose, not in bags
- Glass bottles and jars must be empty
- Jar lids and bottles caps must be firmly attached

✓ Yes



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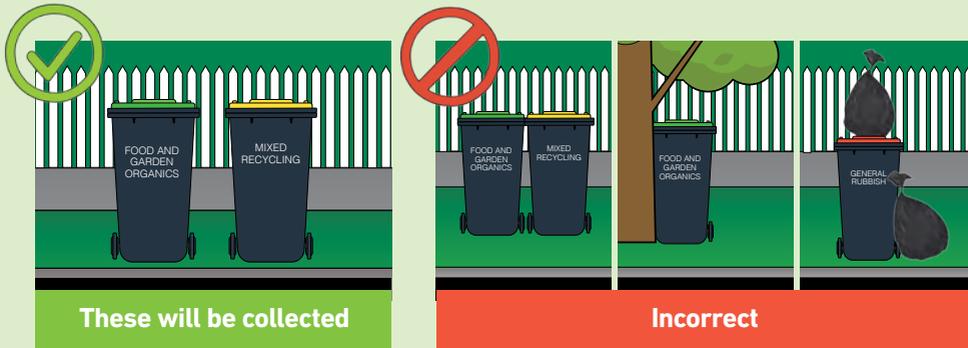


\*Apartments with 20+ households have weekly recycling collections

## Put your bins out correctly so that they can be emptied

- Place your bins out the night before your collection day
- Put bins on the nature strip or footpath within 1 metre of the kerb
- Leave 30cm between bins and other objects such as trees and cars
- Face the wheels of your bins towards your property
- Please do not overfill your bins. Bin lids must be fully closed
- Waste placed next to or on top of bins will not be collected
- Bins should not weigh more than 30kg
- Once empty, bring your bins in. Our local law requires bins to be brought back onto your property within 24 hours after they have been emptied.

### Bins placed incorrectly may not be collected



## Put only the right things in your bins

Contamination is when you put incorrect items in your bin. By putting the right items in the right bin, you are helping to make new products like glass jars, compost and mulch.

If you place incorrect items in your bin, it may not be collected. A contamination sticker will be placed on the bin.

## Damaged, lost and stolen bins

To prevent theft or damage to your bins, bring them back onto your property within 24 hours of your bins being emptied.

Contact us to report damaged, lost or stolen bins for repair or replacement.

## Using shared bins

Many residents living in units, townhouses and apartments share their bins. Shared bins are used where there is not enough space for each household to store 4 bins.

### Follow these tips to get the most out of your shared bins:

- Store shared bins in a central area so that everyone can access them safely
- Agree who will take the bins out for collection and bring them in each week
- Ensure shared bins do not weigh more than 30kg and are not overfilled as we may not be able to collect them
- If you need to review the number of shared bins at your site, discuss this with your owners corporation before contacting Council for help.

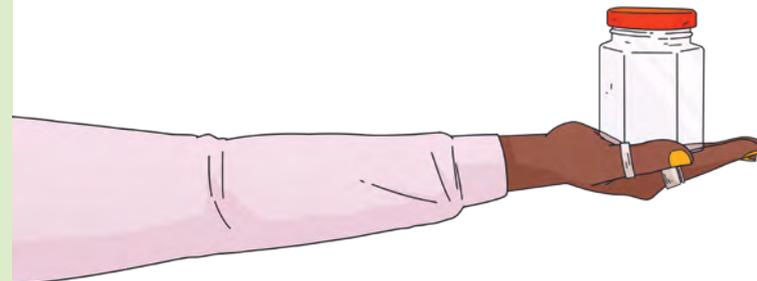


## Glass recycling drop-off points

There are a small number of households that do not have room to store glass recycling bins. These households need to take glass bottles and jars to a glass recycling drop-off point.

Glass recycling drop-off points are for use by designated households only.

We have mailed information to your household if this affects you. To find your nearest drop-off point, please refer to the separate information sent to your household.



## Reduce waste at home

The best way to reduce waste in your home, is to avoid buying products that create waste in the first place:

- Buy only what you need
- Reuse, borrow or buy second hand
- Buy products that last
- Look for products with less packaging and that are made from recycled materials
- Make a list before you go shopping and try to stick to it.



## Give your items a second life

If you have items in good condition, consider finding them a new home:

- Sell, swap or giveaway through various online platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Freecycle and Gumtree.
- Donate items to a charity store during business hours
- Repair common household items at a Repair Café. Go to [brunswicktoollibrary.org](http://brunswicktoollibrary.org) for information and event dates.

## Avoid food waste

To make the most of your food at home, get simple tips on meal planning, food storage, shopping and more. Explore these and other easy ways to reduce your food waste by visiting: [conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/eat-it-dont-bin-it](http://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/eat-it-dont-bin-it)

Learn more about reducing your household waste at [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/reducingwaste](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/reducingwaste)



## Compost at home

Home composting is a great way to turn your food scraps into free fertiliser. Use this to keep your garden and pot plants healthy and strong. Find out more and learn how to get a discounted compost bin or worm farm by visiting:

[merri-bek.vic.gov.au/composting](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/composting)



## Use our Recycling Stations for hard to recycle items

Drop off a range of household items into our yellow recycling cabinets at our Customer Service Centres. Accepted items include mobile phones, household batteries, light globes and eye glasses. Find out more:

[merri-bek.vic.gov.au/recycling-stations](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/recycling-stations)

## A to Z guide to waste and recycling

Use our A to Z guide to find out how to recycle, reuse or safely dispose of a wide range of household items, including chemicals, furniture, computers, small electrical appliances, mobile phones, fridges and more.

Visit: [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/azguide](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/azguide)



## Your small acts make a big impact

It might seem like a small thing to sort your waste into 4 bins, but it makes a big impact when we all do it correctly.

Reducing waste and recycling well helps keep valuable resources out of landfill so they can be used again and again.

By sorting your waste and recycling correctly we can halve the amount of waste sent to landfill. Plus, more of your recycling than ever before can be turned into things like new glass jars, mulch and compost.

Learn more at [sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au)



# More information

Πρέπει να διαχωρίσετε τα απορρίμματά σας σε 4 διαφορετικούς κάδους. Αυτός είναι ο οδηγός σας για τη χρήση των 4 κάδων απορριμμάτων σας. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins) ή τηλεφωνήστε στο 9280 1912.

È necessario suddividere i rifiuti in 4 diversi bidoni. Questa è la guida all'utilizzo dei 4 bidoni della spazzatura. Per ulteriori informazioni, visitare il sito [merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au/bins) o chiamare il numero 9280 1911.

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