

# Kerbside Recycling Dos & Don'ts

## What **CAN** go into your kerbside recycling bin?

### Glass

- ✓ Bottles
- ✓ Jars

### Paper and Cardboard

- ✓ Office paper (not shredded)
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Magazines and pamphlets
- ✓ Paper bags
- ✓ Letters and envelopes
- ✓ Telephone books
- ✓ Liquid paperboard such as milk, cream and custard containers (clean)

### Metal

- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Steel cans
- ✓ Tin plated steel cans
- ✓ Aluminium foil (clean)
- ✓ Paint tins
- ✓ Aerosol cans

### Hard Plastics

- ✓ Any plastic that is rigid or holds its shape, for example shampoo bottles or 'clam shell' style packaging.

If you are unsure of what you can recycle through your kerbside recycling bin, please contact your local council for more information.



### Did you know?

The energy saved by recycling a single glass bottle could light a 15-watt low energy light bulb for 26.6 hours.



# What **CANNOT** go into your kerbside recycling bin?

The following items should never be placed into your recycling bin. These items ruin your 'good' recyclables, can damage collection trucks and recycling equipment and cause harm to the people who sort your recycling.

- ✗ Animal faeces
- ✗ Animal remains
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Broken crockery or glass
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Cereal bags
- ✗ Clothing and shoes
- ✗ Coat hangers and wires
- ✗ Electronic equipment
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Garden and lawn clippings
- ✗ Gas cylinders
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Light globes
- ✗ Meat trays
- ✗ Medical waste or syringes
- ✗ Metal saucepans
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Paper towel
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Plastic film
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Scrap metals
- ✗ Soft plastics - plastic that is flexible, for example, bread bags, bubble wrap and plastic bags cannot be recycled in any Tasmanian kerbside recycling collection. Most major supermarkets now accept clean, flexible plastics for recycling.



Even though these materials cannot be placed in your recycling bin, it does not necessarily mean that they are not recyclable, it is just that the local kerbside service does not have the infrastructure to deal with these items.

Please don't place your recycling inside bags or boxes or tie up with string.

Please visit [rethinkwaste.com.au](http://rethinkwaste.com.au) to find local places where you may be able to take these materials for recycling.

## Did you know?

- Australians are among the highest producers of waste per person in the world, yet we still only recycle 51% of our municipal solid waste.
- Australians produce 650kg of waste per person per year.