

WORDS ON WASTE

Greater Shepparton City Council's Waste Education Newsletter



Welcome to Greater Shepparton City Council's Waste Education newsletter! Here, you'll find information about what's happening in the waste-space at Council, and also get some handy tips and tricks about how to reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill! If you've got any waste-related tidbits you'd like us to share, please email waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au: we'd love to hear from you. ☺



DID YOU KNOW?

Waste at Greater Shepparton Council has had a rebrand! We're now the Resource Recovery Department. As always, we are still here to help you reduce the amount of waste you send to landfill and encourage and empower you to recycle/reuse more!

KEEP USING YOUR REUSABLE COFFE CUP

The average Australian discards 130kgs of plastic A YEAR!

So just because Plastic Free July is over, let's continue to choose to refuse single-use plastics!

If we all make a real effort to reduce the amount of single-use plastic we send to landfill, we have the collective power to make a BIG difference. So no matter what month of the year, try to choose one item that you can swap out for a long-lasting alternative.

Bring your own reusable coffee cup, make sure there are shopping bags in the boot of your car, or use beeswax wraps instead of cling film to cover left-over meals.

GUESS WHAT?

You can put tea-bags, paper towel and dog poo in your green lid bin! All these things (and many more) break down during the composting process and help create a nutrient-rich soil that goes back to earth.

Using your green lid bin to its full potential helps keep compostable waste out of your red lid bin, and out of landfill.

Follow Your Rubbish tours

Are you interested in seeing what happens to the contents of your kerbside bins, once the rubbish truck takes it away? Council offers schools and community groups the opportunity to book in a Follow Your Rubbish tour.

Next tour: Shepparton Resource Recovery Centre, Western Composting Technologies & Cosgrove Landfill

When: Tuesday 22 August 10am – 1pm

Register: email waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au



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KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES

Did you know that the frequency of your bin collections is changing?

Residents in Tatura and Kialla (Stage 1) have already made the switch, thank you so much to everyone in these communities for helping us divert more waste from landfill! In late 2024 the rest of Greater Shepparton will follow suit. So, what will it look like?

Landfill (red lid) bin – Fortnightly

Recycle (yellow lid) bin – Fortnightly

Food and Garden organics (green lid) bin – Weekly

This will help Greater Shepparton residents reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, and align with the Victorian Government's 2025 diversion objectives! If you've got any questions about these coming changes, please get in touch with the Resource Recovery team.

NO TIME TO WASTE – ZERO WASTE SUCCESS!

On July 6, The Resource Recovery team held its inaugural No Time to Waste event at the Shepparton Showgrounds.

This was a zero-waste event, with plenty of fun games and activities for the whole family including tours to the Waste Education Centre at Cosgrove Landfill.

It was so exciting to have so many people from the community attending the event, and the Resource Recovery Team loved handing out mini-bins and chatting to people about ways they can reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill.



If you're going to host an even in Greater Shepparton and wonder how you can do it waste-free, reach out to the Resource Recovery Team for more information!



If you'd like some stickers for your kerbside bins, to help remind you of what can go in each bin, please contact waste@shepparton.vic.gov.au

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SMALL ACTS, BIG IMPACT: A SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA CAMPAIGN



**Small acts
make a big impact.**

The latest campaign from Sustainability Victoria has been designed to encourage all Victorians to make small changes that will collectively increase the amount of recyclable products kept out of landfill, and help the state achieve a more circular economy.



Keep your recyclables loose! It can be very tempting to tie them all up in a plastic bag, but that plastic bag contaminates whole loads of recyclable items. So just chuck them straight into your bin!



Remember to empty all food products from recyclable jars and containers before placing them into your recycle bin. A cleaner product means a better chance of that item being successfully recycled!



Cardboard items like drink cups, takeaway boxes and ice cream cartons have a plastic or wax coating which means they can't be recycled. Put them in your general rubbish so they don't mess up the recycling process.

If you'd like to learn more about Small Acts, Big Impact, click on this [link!](#) And for this information in your language, click [here!](#)