

# How to sort your waste

## Landfill waste

Put rubbish in bags



### ✓ Yes Please



Toothbrush, toothpaste tubes

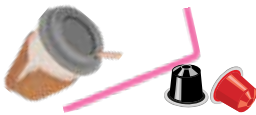
Tetra paks



Gloves, plastic pot plants, garden hose



Nappies, baby wipes, pet waste, incontinence pads, sanitary items (wrapped)



Coffee cups, straws, coffee pods

### Divert from landfill



Old clothing, footwear\*

Soft plastics - plastic bags, food wrappers

\*More info back page

## Recycling

Keep items loose



### ✓ Yes Please



Paper, cardboard\*



Plastic bottles (lids on)

Hard plastic containers



Steel cans, foil, aluminium cans



Glass bottles, jars (lids on)

Aerosol cans (empty)

\*Excess cardboard/comingled recycling can be dropped at the transfer station for free

## Food and garden waste



### ✓ Yes Please



Fruit, vegetables

Bread, cakes, biscuits, pastries



Meat, bones (raw and cooked)



Paper towel, tissues, newspaper

Coffee grounds, tea bags (no string)



Grass clippings, garden prunings

Small branches, sticks, straw, hay

Use certified compostable liners to reduce smells - look for this logo



### These don't go in your bin

Take them to the Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station for free

380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill

Open Monday to Sunday, 7.30am-3pm (closed some public holidays)

- » Computers, laptops, printers, televisions, computer monitors
- » Light globes, printer cartridges
- » Mobile phones, batteries
- » X-Ray Films, DVDs, CDs
- » Paint, paint tins
- » Polystyrene
- » Electronics (anything with a cord)

## How to divert your waste

### Clothing, shoes, textiles

Donate to charity or take to a clothing bin (good quality items only). Or book a collection with a textile recycling service to have items donated or recycled:



🌐 [www.upparel.com.au](http://www.upparel.com.au) (costs apply)

🌐 [www.texrecaus.com](http://www.texrecaus.com) (costs apply)

🌐 [www2.hm.com/en\\_au/sustainability-at-hm/our-work/close-the-loop.html](http://www2.hm.com/en_au/sustainability-at-hm/our-work/close-the-loop.html) (no cost)

### Batteries and any item with a battery, plug or power cord cannot go in household bins.

#### Dispose safely here:



#### Monash Civic Centre:

**293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley.** Household batteries, mobile phones, light globes and small electronic items (under 30cm long).

**Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station:** Household batteries, light globes and electronic items.

**Woolworths:** Household batteries, mobile phones, phone chargers, mobile wireless modems, wearable technology (such as smartwatches and fitness trackers)

**Bunnings:** Power tool batteries and household batteries.

### Recycle soft plastics

Soft plastics include items such as plastic bags, plastic film, cling wrap, bread bags, frozen food packets, chip packets, chocolate and lolly wrappers.



Take these to **major supermarkets.**



Look for the **REDcycle soft plastics recycling bin.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Is my landfill bin going to smell with a fortnightly collection?

If you put all your food scraps in the food and garden waste bin, or compost food scraps at home, this will help to reduce most smells.

### I have small children in nappies, won't my bin smell?

These items should be wrapped in plastic bags before being disposed of in your landfill bin. Ensuring they are wrapped and the lids are kept on the bin should eliminate any smells.

### My landfill bin is full every week. How will I have room for my waste?

Data shows that 73% of waste in landfill bins can be recycled or diverted. By moving that waste, you should find you have the room in your bin; see tips (left) or reach out to our team. You can also upgrade to a 240 litre bin.

### I have medical needs and fortnightly collection will mean I won't have enough space?

Residents with medical needs are eligible to upgrade to a larger bin and this is available under the current system. There are also other categories that are eligible for free upgrades.

### Why do we need to change how often the rubbish bins are collected?

Current landfill will be full in four years. Since introducing a food waste recycling service in July 2020, we've heard from many residents that the amount of waste in their landfill bins has decreased. We have also heard that food waste smells and would be better collected more often. Bin audits have shown us that not all residents are recycling or composting their food waste. We have also heard that to reduce smells from the food waste, residents would like us to pick up the green bin weekly. Bin audits have shown us that not all residents have made the switch to putting food waste into the green bin. By reducing how often landfill bins are collected, we hope to encourage more residents to use their food and garden waste bin to recycle food scraps.

### Will residents receive a bigger landfill bin?

No, this would be counter-productive to what we're trying to achieve. Council doesn't have a problem collecting waste, we are trying to reduce the amount going to landfill. You can upgrade your bin but try the tips on the left or talk to our team.

### We have pets at home; which bin does pet waste go in?

Pet waste goes in the landfill (red lid) bin. You can also compost pet waste at home. Pet waste composting systems are available at a discounted price from [www.compostcommunity.com.au/monash](http://www.compostcommunity.com.au/monash)

### Our recycling bin gets full quickly; will this bin get collected weekly as well?

There is no time impediment to collecting recycling bins, so we don't believe that weekly collection is the best solution. However, we've heard from residents bins are regularly full and space is a problem. We will look at options for increasing the volume of recycling we collect. **Try these tips too:**

- » Flatten all cardboard boxes
- » Cut large cardboard boxes into smaller (e.g. A4 size) pieces
- » Take cardboard and excess recycling to the Monash Waste Transfer Station in Notting Hill for free.



#### More info:

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/rubbish-recycling](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/rubbish-recycling)

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