A to Z Recycling and Waste Guide 2019-20

Download the Recycle Coach app

This app will help you recycle right and get the most out of our services.

For all waste and recycling services and information, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/waste-environment
Collections

Household waste and recycling are collected weekly. Household green waste is collected fortnightly.

Correct bin placement

Place bins just back from the kerb. | Place your bins 50 cm apart. | Allow 1 metre between bins and parked cars.

Do not place bins next to street trees, street signs, or on driveways.

For more information, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/bins
Find your green waste bin day - Area A and Area B

For more information, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/green-waste-bin
Fortnightly green waste collection calendar 2019-20

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**Tips:** Layer wet and dry materials and turn or mix over time to aerate well.

**Tips:** Add equal green and brown layers. Add layers approximately 3cm thick - do not overload. Keep moist. No citrus, dairy, chilli, onion or garlic.

**Tips:** Add a sprinkle of Bokashi mix to each food layer. When the bin is full, feed the contents to worms, add to your compost bin or bury it.

The green waste (garden waste) bin has an orange lid. Your fortnightly green waste bin contents are recycled into mulch. Items in your bin must be loose. No plastic bags please.

Accepted materials:

- Leaves and bark chips
- Lawn clippings and weeds
- Dead flowers
- Light prunings
- Twigs and branches (up to 75mm in diameter and cut to fit in the bin)

Composting and worm farms
Are you keen to purchase a subsidised compost bin or worm farm? Find out how at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/order-compost-bin

Booked Christmas tree collection for recycling

For more information on green waste services, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/green-waste-bin
Residents with a council-collected waste bin are entitled to two booked green waste collections a year (April and October). 

**Booked bundled green waste collections**

*Requirements:*
- **up to two cubic metres can be collected**
- prunings and tree branches (less than 75mm in diameter and 1.5m in length), tied firmly with string (not plastic), that can be lifted by one person
- single tree limbs (75mm to 200mm in diameter)
- tree roots that can be lifted by one person
- collection only from the nature strip, at the kerb of the street frontage, or side of a corner property.

*Bookings must be made by 2pm on a Friday for the following week’s collection.*

- No plastic bags
- No cardboard
- No polystyrene
- No stones and soil
- No treated wood, eg. offcuts and fencing
- No glass
- No food waste
- No plastic or terracotta pots
- No other hardwaste eg. car parts
- No plastic bags
- No glass
The weekly recycling bin has a **yellow lid and blue body**. Items must be clean and loose. Do not bag your recycling.

**Accepted materials:**
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cardboard and boxes (squashed)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Aluminium cans, foil and trays
- Paper (eg. newspapers, magazines and mail)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Steel cans
- Plastic bottles and containers

**Flexible Plastics**

1. Collect flexible plastics and put in a clear plastic bag
2. Tie bag when full
3. Place in your recycling bin

You can also recycle flexible plastics in your recycling bin such as plastic bags and wrappings. Bundle them in a **clear** plastic bag and tie at top.

Foil-lined wrappers are **not accepted**, but can be taken to Coles or Woolworths for recycling via the REDcycle program.
With changes to the global recycling industry, it is more important than ever that we recycle correctly and avoid contamination. These are our top five recycling errors.

Please do Not put these items in your RECYCLING bin:

- **Bagged material** - place all items in your recycling bin loose, NOT in bags. The only exception is flexible plastics. Bundle these in a clear plastic bag, and tie at the top.

- **Polystyrene** such as packaging, fruit boxes, meat trays and cups cannot go in your recycling bin. Please bring solid white polystyrene to the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre. Otherwise try to avoid polystyrene altogether.

- **Garden waste** - cannot go in your recycling bin. Please place this in your green waste bin. You can also book a bundled green waste collection for April and October.

- **Food waste** - cannot go in your recycling bin. Please ensure items put in your recycling bin are clean (no food scraps). Use a compost bin, worm farm or Bokashi bin for food waste. Otherwise, use your waste bin.

- **Clothing and footwear** - cannot go in your recycling bin. Give functional items to charity shops or place in one of the ten charity collection bins across Boroondara. Items in poor condition use as rags or put in your waste bin.

Recycle correctly - we need your help to recycle properly. Please share this information with your family and friends.

For more details on what goes in your recycling bin, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/recycling-bin
WASTE - weekly collection

The waste (landfill) bin has a **dark green lid**.
Household waste is anything that **cannot be** re-used or recycled, composted or placed in your green waste bin.

**Accepted materials:**
- Used nappies
- Broken drinking glasses, pyrex and cookware
- Animal waste (wrapped)
- Meat and dairy scraps
- Polystyrene foam
- Damaged clothes and old rags

Did you know?
You can save money by switching to a smaller household waste bin. Learn more at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/waste-bin or by calling 9278 4444.

Effective 1 July 2019, the Victorian Government is introducing a ban on all electronic waste (e-waste) in your household bins. This will protect your health and the environment, and help recover precious materials. E-waste must be separated and disposed of at a recycling centre or collection point.

*Take to the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre (page 16).
**Dispose via the annual Detox Your Home mobile special collection - in August (details on our website).
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E-waste refers to all electronic products with batteries, a cord or a plug. You can dispose of e-waste at the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre at 648 Riversdale Road, Camberwell.

### What e-waste can be recycled?

**Up to 30 June 2019:**
- ✔ Phones, mobiles and chargers
- ✔ TVs, computers, parts and monitors
- ✔ Laptops and notebooks
- ✔ Printers and scanners
- ✔ Batteries
- ✔ Whitegoods eg. microwave, coffee machine, fridge

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### Detox your Home - safely dispose of toxic products for free

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**Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre is a permanent Detox your Home drop-off site**. In partnership with Sustainability Victoria, we provide a free, safe and environmentally-responsible disposal option for everyday toxic products including:

- ✔ Paint (maximum 100L per drop off)
- ✔ Car and household batteries
- ✔ Gas bottles (9kg maximum - residents only)
- ✔ White polystyrene (solid only - no beads, residents only)
- ✔ Light globes and tubes
- ✗ No chemicals

Residents with a council-collected waste bin are entitled to two booked hard waste collections a year. You can include **up to two cubic metres per collection**. Flats of seven or more must book through the Body Corporate.

**Call first before putting your hard waste on the street.** Upon booking, we will send you an information pack with instructions. Please read carefully.


**Items accepted include:**
- mattresses and/or bed bases (two items per collection)
- electronic waste and whitegoods, eg. fridges (tape doors shut please)
- larger steel/metal items eg. car parts
- general hard waste eg. empty paint cans (lids off), carpet, furniture
- wood (no fencing) - 12 pieces, max. 1.5m long
- mirror/glass - wrap in cardboard (label as ‘glass’).

**Please do NOT put these in your hard waste collection:**

- No gas bottles*
- No household recyclables*
- No green waste*
- No building/renovation materials*
- No paint*
- No tyres and car rims*
- No batteries*
- No chemical waste**
- No asbestos - (Contact Worksafe to find a licensed asbestos removalist)

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# A to Z guide to waste and recycling disposal

View expanded A to Z listing online at www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/A-to-Z

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### Items

- **Aerosol cans** (empty, do NOT squash)
- **Aluminium foil** (clean, roll into a ball)
- **Asbestos** (contact Worksafe for licensed removalist)
- **Batteries** (car, alkaline, NiMH, NiCad)
- **Books**
- **Bottle tops** (metal screw tops or plastic)
- **Bottles** (glass and plastic)
- **Branches** (large, up to 200mm diameter)
- **Branches** (small, up to 75mm diameter)
- **Bread bags**
- **Bubble wrap**
- **Bricks, rubble/building materials or doors**
- **Cans** (steel/aluminium)
- **Car batteries**
- **Car/auto parts**
- **Cardboard** (unwaxed)
- **Cardboard** (waxed, eg. fruit boxes)
- **Carpet/carpet underlay**
- **Cartridges** (printer/toner)
- **CDs**
- **CD cases**
- **Ceramics and crockery** (broken)
- **Cereal boxes**
- **Cereal box plastic liners** (bags)
- **Chemicals** (household)
- **Chip packets** (foil lined)
- **Chocolate wrappers** (foil lined)
- **Cigarette butts**
- **Cleaning rags**
- **Cling wrap**
- **Clothing**
- **Coat hanger** (plastic and metal)
- **Coffee grinds**
- **Coffee cups** (plastic lined)
- **Coffee cup lids**
- **Coffee pods** (visit Terracycle website)
- **Computer parts**
- **Cooking oil** (maximum 20 litres in five litre cans)
- **Corks**
- **Cutlery** (plastic)
- **Disposable plates** (plastic)
- **Dog poo** (wrapped)
- **Egg cartons** (cardboard)
- **Electrical appliances**
- **Envelopes** (remove windows)
- **Fencing and timber**
- **Fluorescent tubes**
- **Food waste**

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Fruit scraps
Furniture
Garden waste
Gas bottles (residents only)
Ice cream container/lids (plastic)
Jars (glass/plastic) and lids
Juice cartons (tetrapaks - foil lined)
Kitty litter
Leaves/grass clippings
Light bulbs/tubes
Lolly wrappers (plastic)
Lunch boxes (plastic)
Mattresses
Meat scraps
Medicine bottle (empty/rinsed)
Mobile phones
Motor oil (maximum 20 litres in five litre cans)
Napkins (paper)
Nappies (disposable) (wrapped)
Ovens/stoves
Paint and dry painting
Pallets
Paper (newspapers, magazines, office paper)
Paper towels (mostly dry)
Pharmaceuticals
Phone books (separate covers)
Photographs
Photograph slide and negatives (put in x-ray bin)
Pizza boxes (tops - clean)
Pizza boxes (base - oily)
Plant pots
Plastic bags (in tied clear bag - not loose)
Plastic containers
Plastic fruit nets (eg. orange bag)
Plastic wrappers and soft packaging (in tied clear bag - not loose)
Polystyrene/Styrofoam (white only)
Pots and pans (metal)
Pyrex (ovenware)
Reusable bags (old/damaged)
Shoes
Smoke alarms
Soft drinks bottles/cans
Spectacles/glasses
Sporting goods
Steel (other than tins/cans)
Syringes
Take away containers (plastic) (clean)
Tea bags
Televisions
Textiles
Toilet paper rolls
Tools
Toys (plastic - no batteries)
Tree prunings
Tree roots (can be lifted by single person)
Tupperware
Tyres
Vacuum cleaner dust (wrapped)
Vegetable scraps
VHS/video tapes
VHS/video cases
Weeds
Whitegoods
Wrapping paper (paper only)
X-rays
Yoghurt containers
Recycling and waste centres

Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre, 648 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

This site has extensive free drop-off facilities for a range of items that cannot be disposed of in your household bins, eg. e-waste and Detox items (batteries, paint, gas bottles, white polystyrene, light globes etc). See page 12.

General recyclables can also be dropped off for free. Household waste, general waste and green waste can be dropped off – charges apply.

Opening hours:
• Monday to Friday, 1pm to 4pm
• Saturday, 8am to 4pm
• Sunday, 8am to 4pm - for green waste and recycling drop-off only

Closed:
• Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

For more information, visit www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/recycling-centres

Kew Depot Recycling Drop-Off Centre
31-35 Hutchinson Drive, Kew

This site has free household recycling drop-off only (as per the Council’s kerbside weekly collection service). See page 8 for accepted materials.

No general waste accepted.

Opening hours:
• Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 4.30pm
• Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm

Closed:
• Public holidays

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Customer service centres:
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8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Hawthorn Arts Centre
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Kew Library
Corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew

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