



Recycling and Waste Guide.

2024/25

Small acts make a big impact.



Be your street's bin-fluencer and never miss a bin night again!

Introducing the Purple-Lidded Glass Recycling Bin.

See inside for details.



GENERAL RUBBISH (weekly)



Use this bin only for items that can't be reused or recycled.

✓ Yes

- ✓ Broken glassware, crockery and mirrors
- ✓ Nappies, wet wipes, kitty litter, animal droppings
- ✓ Food and vegetable scraps, meat, dairy, seafood & egg shells
- ✓ Plastic lids and corks, pumps, sprays, droppers



✗ No

- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Green organics
- ✗ Household chemicals
- ✗ Building materials

MIXED RECYCLING (fortnightly)



All items must be loose and lightly rinsed.

✓ Yes

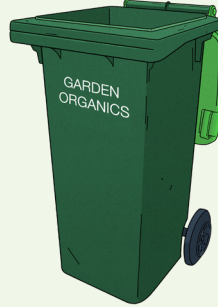
- ✓ Accepted plastic bottles & containers
- ✓ Aluminium and steel tins, cans, foil, metal lids
- ✓ Cardboard, cereal boxes, egg cartons
- ✓ Paper, newspapers, magazines, paper envelopes



✗ No

- ✗ Bagged recyclables - must be loose
- ✗ Soft plastics
- ✗ Take away coffee cups
- ✗ Polystyrene

GARDEN ORGANICS (fortnightly)



Garden clippings only. Put your garden waste into the bin loose, not in bags.

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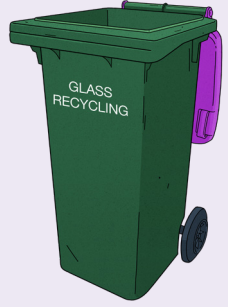
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Ivy
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Twigs
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ Grass clippings, weeds



✗ No

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Animal droppings
- ✗ Large branches
- ✗ Tree stumps
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Building materials, ie. bricks

GLASS RECYCLING (every four weeks)



Put lightly rinsed, empty glass bottles and jars into the bin loose, not in bags. Please remove all lids.

✓ Yes

- ✓ Glass bottles including beer, wine and olive oil bottles
- ✓ Glass jars including pasta sauce and condiment jars
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars for medicine or toiletries



✗ No

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Bottle or jar lids
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Crockery ie. plates, drinking glasses

DO NOT PUT IN ANY BIN!

- Liquid waste of any kind
- Asbestos
- Toxic, chemical or hazardous waste
- Oil, paint or solvents
- Vehicle or engine parts inc. tyres
- E-waste inc. all batteries
- Hot ashes
- Medical waste or syringes
- Construction, demolition, or trade wastes of any kind

LITTERING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING.

Illegal dumping of waste or littering can cause significant environmental issues including contaminating land, polluting waterways, increasing the risk of fire and causing harm to local wildlife and their habitats. Cleaning up dumped litter and prosecuting offenders costs the community thousands of dollars each year.

Offenders can be issued with significant fines and/or imprisonment, if prosecuted, under the Environment Protection Act 2017.

If you witness someone dumping waste or littering or have come across dumped waste, please report it to Council on 1300 229 229 or the EPA Hotline on 1300 372 842.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Council provides textile recycling at selected transfer stations in Baw Baw Shire. Residents have the option to recycle acceptable unwanted textile items such as clothing, shoes, underwear, hats, belts, handbags and backpacks, bed linen, towels and soft toys (without batteries), by placing them in the free textile recovery bins at Lardner and Trafalgar transfer stations during opening hours. Visit Council's website for further details.

HOME COMPOSTING

Composting is a great way to recycle naturally and helps reduce waste going to landfill. Council offers a rebate to ratepayers for 100% of the cost of a compost bin and worm farm up to \$100 (conditions apply). Application forms on Council's website.

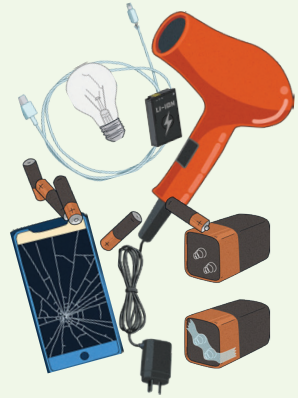
E-WASTE & X-RAYS

E-waste and old X-rays contain valuable resources **and must not** be placed in the kerbside rubbish.

E-waste refers to any unwanted electronic item with a plug, battery or cord including computers and office equipment, mobile phones, TV's, microwaves, power tools and light bulbs.

You can dispose of e-waste free of charge at Council's transfer stations and small e-waste items (such as batteries) and old x-rays can be disposed of at our Drouin Customer Service Centre.

Remember: do not dispose of batteries in kerbside bins, as they can explode or cause fires.



HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Free 'at call' kerbside collection

Please call WM Waste Management Services on 1800 969 278 or visit www.hardrubbishmelbourne.com.au/baw-baw to book.

Residents can book one free annual 'at call' kerbside collection per financial year of up to 2 cubic metres of hard waste placed on your nature strip (conditions apply). This service is available to all residential households who have a kerbside general rubbish collection service (includes homeowners and tenants). Commercial, industrial, and vacant land is excluded.

Free do it yourself transfer station drop off

Residents can exchange their free kerbside hard waste collection for a free 'do it yourself' transfer station drop off of up to 2 cubic metres of hard waste or garden organics. This offer is also available to residents without a kerbside general rubbish collection service. To book a free 'do it yourself' transfer station drop off please call WM Waste Management Services on 1800 969 278 who manage these bookings.

Paid additional hard waste collection service

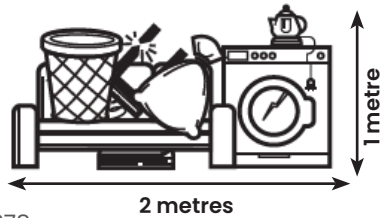
Residents can also book an 'at call' paid hard waste collection once per financial year. Bookings can be made by calling Council's Customer Service Centre during business hours on 1300 229 229 (conditions apply). See Council's website for details and costs.

What happens to my hard waste?

Hard waste is collected by our contractor WM Waste Management Services using a rear loading compactor truck and taken to Knox Transfer Station for sorting and recycling of suitable items.

If you think any of your hard waste can be reused, repurposed, or resold, please consider the options before making your booking.

For more information on e-waste, recycling and waste services, please visit Council's website: www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or call: 1300 229 229



KEEP BATTERIES OUT OF BINS!

They're a dangerous fire risk.

Batteries can cause fires and it's illegal to put e-waste and batteries in landfill.



Free hard waste collection or transfer station drop off.

A-Z Guide to recycling & waste.

- R** General rubbish bin
- O** Garden organics bin
- M** Mixed recycling bin
- G** Glass recycling bin

- W** See Council website
- C** Compost bin / worm farm
- S** Contact Customer Service
- Z** CDS refund point

- X** Charity / op shop[▲]
- T** Transfer Station
- H** Hard Waste collection

Aerosol cans (empty).....	M	Drink cans.....	Z M	Paper towel roll.....	C M
Aluminium foil		Drums (empty) steel.....	T	Paper towel (used) ♦.....	R
(cleaned & scrunched ball).....	M	Drums (empty) plastic.....	T	Pet food tins (rinsed).....	M
Animal droppings.....	R	Drums triple washed		Pharmaceuticals.....	W S
Asbestos.....	W	(empty) chemical.....	S T	Phonebooks.....	M
Bag ties.....	R	DVD's [■] (e-waste).....	T	Pizza boxes (clean).....	M
Band aids & bandages ♦.....	R	DVD covers.....	M	Placemats.....	X R
Baskets.....	X	Electrical appliances		Plant cuttings.....	T C O
Baskets damaged.....	T R	[■] (e-waste).....	T H	Plant pots (clean).....	T R
Batteries (household)(free).....	W T S	Envelopes.....	M	Plasterboard**.....	T
Batteries (car)(free).....	T	Expandable polystyrene		Plastic bags.....	R
Beer bottles.....	Z G	(EPS) bagged.....	R	Plastic strapping.....	R
Books.....	X M	Fluorescent tubes [■] (e-waste).....	W T	Plastic trays/baskets.....	T R
Bottle tops (plastic).....	R	Foam meat trays & boxes.....	R	Plastic wrappers/packets.....	R
Bottle tops (metal).....	M	Foam underlay.....	T R	Plate glass.....	T
Bottles (glass).....	G	Foil (aluminium)		Polystyrene (bagged).....	R
Bottles (plastic).....	M	(cleaned & scrunched ball).....	M	Printer/toner cartridges.....	T W S
Boxes (cardboard).....	M	Foil lined cartons.....	M	Pyrex ovenware (broken).....	R
Branches.....	O H	Food cans.....	M	Pyrex ovenware (intact).....	X
Bricks*.....	W	Food waste.....	C R	Roofing iron (steel)(free).....	T
Building materials*.....	W	Fridges [■] (e-waste).....	H T	School bags.....	X R
Cake/biscuit trays (plastic).....	M	Fruit & vegetable scraps.....	C R	Scrap metal (free).....	H T
Cans (aluminium & tin).....	M	Furniture.....	H T X	Seedling containers.....	T R
Car batteries (free).....	T	Garden waste.....	T C O	Shoes.....	X T R
Car/auto parts.....	T	Gas bottles.....	T	Silage plastic.....	T
Carbon paper/		Glasses/spectacles.....	R X	Smoke detectors [■] (e-waste).....	T W S
thermal receipts.....	R	Grass clippings.....	C O	Soft drink bottles (empty).....	Z G
Cardboard.....	T M	Hot water units.....	H T	Soft drink cans (empty).....	Z M
Carpet/carpet underlay.....	H T	Household chemicals.....	W S	Spirit bottles (glass).....	G
Cartridges - printer/toner [■]		Household goods.....	H T	Sporting goods.....	X T
(e-waste).....	W T	Hypodermic needles.....	W S	Steel (not cans & tins)(free).....	H T
Cassette/VHS tapes [■] (e-waste).....	W T	Ice cream containers.....	M	Steel cans & tins.....	M
CD's [■] (e-waste).....	W T	Ice cream container lids.....	M	Stoves (free).....	H T
CD covers.....	M	Jar lids (metal).....	M	Styrofoam (bagged).....	R
Cellophane.....	R	Jar lids (plastic).....	R	Syringes.....	W S
Ceramics.....	R	Jars (glass).....	G	Take away containers (rinsed).....	M
Cereal box inserts.....	R	Juice cartons.....	R	Tea bags.....	C R
Cereal boxes.....	M	Junk mail.....	M	Telephone books.....	M
Chemicals.....	W	Kitty litter (bagged).....	R	Televisions (free).....	H T
Chip packets.....	R	Leaves.....	C O	Textiles.....	T R
Cigarette butts.....	R	Light bulbs [■] (e-waste).....	W T	Tiles*.....	S
Cleaning rags.....	T R	Lolly wrappers.....	R	Timber.....	H T
Cling wrap.....	R	Lunch boxes.....	X R	Timber (commercial)*.....	S
Clothing.....	T X R	Magazines.....	M	Tissues♦.....	R
Clothing baskets.....	T R	Manure.....	C R	Toilet paper rolls.....	M
Coffee cans/jars.....	M	Margarine tubs.....	M	Toner cartridges.....	W S T
Coffee cups (disposable).....	R	Matchboxes.....	R	Tools.....	H T
Coffee cups lids (plastic).....	R	Mattresses.....	T H	Toys.....	X R
Computer paper.....	M	Meat scraps.....	R R	Tree prunings.....	C O T
Computer parts [■] (e-waste).....	T W	Meat trays (foam).....	R R	Twine.....	T
Concrete*/tiles.....	W	Medicine bottles (glass).....	G	Tyres.....	R
Cooking oil (container)*.....	W	Medicines.....	W S	Vacuum cleaner dust.....	R
Cooking oil (soaked in paper).....	R	Milk bottles (glass).....	G	Vegetable scraps.....	C R
Corks.....	R	Milk cartons (long life).....	R	Vinyl.....	R
Cosmetic jars (glass).....	G	Milk containers (plastic).....	M	Vitamin bottles (glass).....	G
Cotton thread reels.....	R	Mobile phones [■] (e-waste).....	W T	Washing machines (free).....	H T
Cotton wool buds/balls.....	R	Motor oil (free).....	T	Waxed cardboard.....	R
Crockery (broken).....	R	Nappies (disposable) bagged.....	R	Waxed paper.....	R
Crockery (intact).....	X	Needles.....	W S	Weeds.....	C O
Curtains.....	T X	Newspaper.....	M	Whitegoods [■] (e-waste).....	H T
Cutlery (metal).....	X	Office paper.....	M	Window glass.....	T
Cutlery (plastic).....	R	Oils (engine)(free).....	T	Wine bottles (glass).....	G
Detergent bottles (plastic).....	M	Ovens (free).....	H T	Wrapping paper.....	M
Disposable nappies (bagged).....	R	Paint.....	T	Yoghurt containers.....	W S
Dog poo (bagged).....	R	Paint tins (dry/empty).....	T	X-Rays.....	W S
Doors.....	T	Pallets (timber).....	T		

♦ All non-sharp household medical and personal hygiene waste should be placed in your kerbside bin in a sealed bag.

▲ Must be clean and in good working order

* Not accepted

** Free of asbestos

■ E-waste is accepted free

DID YOU KNOW?

Symbols on packaging can be confusing. They don't always indicate whether the item can go in your mixed recycling bin.

It's important to check what Council accepts for recycling in the A-Z Guide, or in Council's Waste App or on its website.

PLEASE CONTACT SOLO OR THE TRANSFER STATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION ON ANY ITEMS (SEE BACK PAGE FOR CONTACT NUMBERS).

WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR 2024 – 2025.

Please see the map insert to find your bin day and Area.

LEGEND: MIXED RECYCLING BIN
 GLASS RECYCLING BIN & GARDEN ORGANICS BIN
 GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

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You can also find your bin days using the **Baw Baw Waste App**, the 'Near Me' function on Council's website or contact Council to receive a large version of the waste collection calendar.

New Glass Recycling bin!

Council is introducing the new residential 120L glass recycling bin to meet the Victorian State Government Recycling Victoria: a new economy policy.

From September you can begin putting glass bottles and jars into the new glass recycling bin, ready for the first collection. From October 2024, your glass recycling bin will be collected every four weeks on the same day as your other kerbside bins.

Glass bottles and jars will no longer be accepted in the yellow-lidded Mixed Recycling bin from October.

By putting your glass bottles and jars in a separate bin more of it can be recycled.

To find your collection day and area, please refer to the Waste Collection Map and Calendar in this Recycling and Waste Guide, on the Baw Baw Waste App or on Council's website.

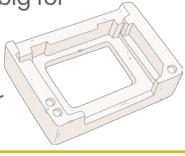


RIGHT IDEA, WRONG BIN. THE TOP ITEMS WE GET WRONG WHEN RECYCLING ARE:

Polystyrene

Polystyrene packaging (including food trays) should be placed in your general rubbish bin.

If this is too big for your bin, please dispose at a transfer station.



Soft Plastics

Soft plastics and plastic shopping bags should be placed in your general rubbish bin.

These items cannot currently be recycled in the mixed recycling bin.



Black Plastics

Black plastics including black coffee cup lids, black plant pots and seedling containers and black meat trays cannot be recycled and should be placed in the general rubbish bin.



WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR 2024 – 2025.

LEGEND:

■ MIXED RECYCLING BIN
■ GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

■ GLASS RECYCLING BIN &
GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

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INTRODUCING THE BAW BAW WASTE APP!

Be your street's bin-fluencer and never miss a bin night again!

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for further details on how to Download the Waste App.



Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) Service coming!

All Victorian Councils must provide every Victorian household with access to a standardised four-waste stream system (including a food and garden organics service) as part of the State Government's 'Recycling Victoria: A new economy' policy.

Council is planning to introduce a residential Food and Garden Organics service in 2026, when your current green bin will transition from a Garden Organics service to a new Food and Garden Organics service to collect food scraps and garden materials.

Council is currently working through the details for this service. Keep an eye out for further information coming soon.



ARE YOU FIRE READY?

Free garden organics drop offs

To assist residents clean up ahead of the summer fire season, free garden organics drop offs are provided at our transfer stations in November/December each year. Dates advised on Council's website.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bins are collected on scheduled days falling on all public holidays.

Bins need to be out by 2.00am for collection on Christmas Day.

If your bin has not been collected on a scheduled day, please contact Solo Resource Recovery on 5633 2009.

THE CORRECT WAY TO PLACE YOUR BINS FOR COLLECTION

- Place bins on the nature strip before 6am on collection day.
- Leave 50cm between bins and have the wheels facing your property.
- Keep bins clear of obstructions including trees, cars and light poles.
- The 240L (big) bin should be placed so that it can be emptied first (traffic approach side).
- The lid needs to be closed, and the bin should weigh no more than 75kg.
- Commercial bins in Central Business Districts (CBD's) must only be placed by the kerb between 4pm the day prior to collection and 10am on the day of collection.



TRANSFER STATION HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Lardner Transfer Station, Simpson Road, Lardner - 03 5626 1399

Operating times: Open every day, 10am-4pm.

Trafalgar Transfer Station, Giles Road, Trafalgar - 0407 505 108

Operating times: Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-4pm.

Neerim South Transfer Station, Neerim East Road, Neerim South - 0438 281 444

Operating times: Friday and Sunday, 10am-4pm.

Erica Transfer Station, Mathiesons Road, Erica - 0400 251 620

Operating times: Monday, Wednesday and Sunday, 12pm-4pm.

Trash to Treasure shops are located at Lardner, Trafalgar and Erica Transfer Stations

Note: Commercial building waste, including concrete, bricks and tiles are not accepted at the transfer stations. Waste loads over 3 cubic metres are also not accepted.

Transfer stations are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Baw Baw Shire Council Customer Service - 1300 229 229

Solo Resource Recovery (Kerbside Collection) - 03 5633 2009

WM Waste Management Services (Kerbside Hard Waste Contractor) - 1800 969 278

Sustainability Victoria - 1300 363 744

EPA Gippsland Region (Report littering hotline) - 1300 372 842

Future Recycling (Transfer Stations) - 13 73 29

Log onto www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or call 1300 229 229 for more information