

Recycling and Waste Guide.

2025/26





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.





GENERAL RUBBISH (weekly)

MIXED RECYCLING

GARDEN ORGANICS (fortniahtly)

GLASS RECYCLING (every four weeks)



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



All items must be loose and lightly rinsed.



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



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

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



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



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



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





x No

- X Green organics
- x Household chemicals
- Building materials

x No

- x Bagged items - must be loose
- x Soft plastics
- Take away coffee cups
- × Polystyrene
- x Black plastic

x No

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

x No

- x Bagged items must be loose
- x Bottle or jar lids
- x Window glass
- x Crockery ie. plates, drinking glasses

X

- X Pyrex or similar
- x Vases

DO NOT PUT IN ANY BIN!

- E-waste inc. all batteries
- **Asbestos**
- Toxic, chemical or hazardous waste
- Oil, paint or solvents
- Vehicle or engine parts inc. tyres
- Liquid waste of any kind
- 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 tens of 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.

HOME COMPOSTING & WORM FARM REBATE

Composting is a great way to recycle naturally and helps reduce waste going to landfill. Council offers a compost bin and worm farm rebate to rate payers (conditions apply). Application forms are on Council's website.

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, belts, hats, underwear, linen, and towels 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.

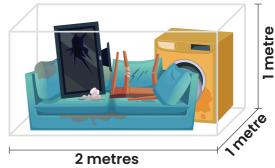
E-WASTE & X-RAYS

E-waste and old X-rays contain valuable resources and must not be placed in any kerbside bin.

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 at our Drouin Customer Service Centre.

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



2 metres

HARD WASTE COLLECTION

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 these options before making your booking.

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. Extended phone waiting times may occur during peak periods, your patience is appreciated.

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).

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. 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.

Hard waste collection services are available only to residential households who have a kerbside general rubbish collection service (includes homeowners and tenants). Commercial, industrial, and vacant land is excluded.

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 illeaal to put e-waste and batteries in landfill.

A-Z Guide to recycling & waste.

R General rubbish bin
Garden organics bin
Mixed recycling bin
Glass recycling bin

Aerosol cans (empty)...... Aluminium foil (cleaned & scrunched ball)..... Animal droppings..... R Asbestos..... Bag ties.... Band aids & bandages • Batteries (household)(free) W T S Blister packs..... Books X R Bottle tops (plastic)..... Bottle tops (metal)..... G Bottles (glass)..... M Bottles (plastic)..... M Boxes (cardboard)..... Branches...... O H Bricks* Cake/biscuit trays (plastic).... Car batteries (free)..... Car/auto parts..... Carbon paper/ R T M thermal receipts..... Cardboard.... Carpet/carpet underlay....H T Cartridges - printer/toner (e-waste) Cassette/VHS tapes¤(e-waste) W CD's ¤(e-waste)..... M CD covers..... Cellophane..... l R Ceramics..... R Cereal box inserts..... Cereal boxes..... Chemicals R Chip packets..... R Cigarette butts..... Cleaning rags..... R Cling wrap..... TXR Clothing..... Clothing baskets.....T M Coffee cans/jars..... Coffee cups (disposable)..... Coffee cups lids (plastic)..... Computer paper..... Computer parts * (e-waste) **I W Concrete*/tiles..... Cooking oil (container)*.... Cooking oil (soaked in paper)...... Corks.... Cosmetic jars (glass)..... R Cotton thread reels..... Cotton wool buds/balls..... R R Crockery (broken)..... X Crockery (intact) TX Curtains..... X Cutlery (metal)..... R Cutlery (plastic)..... Disposable nappies (bagged)..R Dog poo (bagged)..... Doors.

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	Contact Customer Service
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DVD's a (e-waste)	T
DVD covers	
Electrical appliances	
* (e-waste)	
Envelopes	M
Expandable polystyrene	
(EPS) bagged	R
Fluorescent tubes*(e-waste)	
Foam meat trays & boxes	
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Foil (aluminium)	М
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Foil lined cartons	M
Food waste	
Fridges * (e-waste)	ä
Fruit & vegetable scrapsC	R
Furniture	Х
Garden wasteT C	0
Gas bottles	Т
Glasses/spectaclesR	Х
Grass clippingsC	0
Hot water units	
Household chemicals	S
Household goods	
Hypodermic needlesW	S
Ice cream containers	M
Ice cream container lids	M
Jar lids (metal)	
Jar lids (plastic)	
Jars (glass)	
Juice cartons	
Junk mail Kitty litter (bagged)	R
LeavesC	0
Light bulbs * (e-waste)	T
Lolly wrappers	R
Lunch boxes X	R
Magazines	М
ManureC	R
Margarine tubs	M
Matchboxes	R
MattressesT	Н
Meat scraps	R
Meat trays (foam)	R
Medicine bottles (glass)	G
MedicinesW	S
Milk bottles (glass)	G
Milk cartons (long life)	
Milk containers (plastic)	
Mobile phones * (e-waste)	
Motor oil (free)	
Nappies (disposable) bagged	
NeedlesW	
Newspaper	M
Office paper	T
Oils (engine)(free)	H
Paint	
Paint tins (dry/empty)	
Pallets (timber)	W

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Transfer Station
H Hard Waste collection

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Paper towel (used)		K
Pet food tins (rinsed)		M
Pharmaceuticals	W	S
Phonebooks		М
Pizza boxes (clean)		M
Placemats	X	R
Plant cuttings	C	0
Plant pots (clean)		R
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Plasterboard**		
Plastic bags		R
Plastic strapping		R
Plastic trays/baskets		R
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Plastic wrappers/packets		
Plate glass		W
Polystyrene (bagged)		R
Printer/toner cartridges	W	S
Pyrex ovenware (broken)		R
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Pyrex ovenware (intact)		
Roofing iron (steel)(free)		Ш
School bags	X	R
Scrap metal (free)	H	T
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Soft drink cans (empty)	Z	М
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- All non-sharp household medical and personal hygiene waste should be placed in your kerbside bin in a sealed bag.
- 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).

Pallets (timber)......

WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR 2025 - 2026.

LEGEND:

MIXED RECYCLING BIN

GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

GLASS RECYCLING BIN & GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

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

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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.

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Find your Waste Collection Area

Go online and type in your address in the Waste Collection Near Me page on Council's website at: https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Near-Me or scan the QR code.

Container Deposit Scheme

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) commenced on 1 November 2023, as part of the State Government's new reforms to the waste and recycling sector which provides benefits to the community, environment and economy.

Victorians receive a 10-cent refund for every eligible container returned

You can drop off your plastic soft drink bottles, glass beer and soft drink bottles, small fruit juice and flavoured milk cartons, along with soft drinks and alcohol sold in cans (between 150ml and 3L) to your nearest collection point to receive your refund.

Wine and spirit bottles, milk containers, paperboard cartons (over 1L) and cordial bottles are not included.

Return-it is the Network Operator responsible for managing collection sites in Baw Baw. Sites include:

- 42 Weerong Road, Drouin
- 4/15 Phoenix Street, Warragul
- as well as smaller collection points in Warragul, Drouin, Trafalgar, Longwarry and Neerim South.

See Return-it website for locations and more information: www.returnit.com.au/vic/

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

Free garden organics drop offs

To assist residents clean up ahead of the summer fire season, free garden organics drop off will be provided in late 2025. Dates advised on Council's website.

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LEGEND:

MIXED RECYCLING BIN **GARDEN ORGANICS BIN** **GLASS RECYCLING BIN &** GARDEN ORGANICS BIN

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Find your Waste Collection Area

Go online and type in your address in the Waste Collection Near Me page on Council's website at: https://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Near-Me or scan the QR code.

Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) Service coming soon!

Council is planning to introduce a Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) service next year.

When FOGO is introduced, food scraps and garden clippings can be placed in your green bin.

This helps make the most of your food scraps and garden clippings, so they can be recycled into things like mulch and compost.

It is also cheaper to compost these materials than it is to send them to landfill.

The Victorian Government requires Councils to provide households with access to a four-waste stream system (including a food and garden organics service) as part of the Recycling Victoria: a new economy policy.

Under these reforms, Council will also be replacing old dark green bin lids with new standardized yellow mixed recycling bin lids, and light green garden organics bin lids in late 2025.



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 be recycled in the mixed recycling bin.

Black Plastics

rubbish bin

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

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: All 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



