



Recycling and Waste Guide.

2023/24

**Small acts make
a big impact.**

*Sorting your waste correctly
makes a big impact when
we all do it correctly!*



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General Rubbish (weekly)

Small plastic lids less than 5cm belong in garbage.



Mixed Recycling (fortnightly)

All items must be loose and lightly rinsed.



Garden Organics (fortnightly)

- Grass clippings and weeds (without soil)
- Garden prunings including rose clippings and leaves.



Place garden organics into green bin only a few days before collection day to prevent the bin from compacting and becoming too heavy for collection.



No loose items.
All general rubbish **must** be securely bagged or wrapped.

All lids to be loose.

Metal lids of any size to be placed in the mixed recycling bin.

Plastic lids smaller than 5cm to be placed in the general rubbish bin.



**No soft plastics.
No plastic bags.**

Branches to be no larger than 10cm in diameter and 30cm long.



No garbage, plastic bags, plant pots, food scraps, building materials, sand, soil, rocks, stones, tree stumps, treated or painted timber or noxious weeds.

- 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.

Council, the EPA and Parks Victoria have officers Authorised under the Environment Protection Act 2017 who are able to investigate and enforce illegally dumped waste and litter offences. Offenders can be issued with significant fines and/or imprisonment, if prosecuted.

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 has partnered with UpCycle4Better to introduce textile recycling in Baw Baw Shire. Textiles such as clothes and shoes that can't be recycled as part of your kerbside collection can now be recycled for free to reduce our waste being sent to landfill. Residents now have the option to recycle acceptable unwanted 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.

Further information on what can and can't be placed in the textile recycling bins can be found on Council's website.

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

E-waste contains 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 (see transfer station details on back page). E-waste drop off boxes for household batteries, mobile phones, small appliances and electronic accessories are also located at our Drouin Customer Service Centre.



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

Check Council's website for more details, to find your nearest e-waste drop off point or to sign up for quarterly updates via our newsletter.

X-Ray recycling

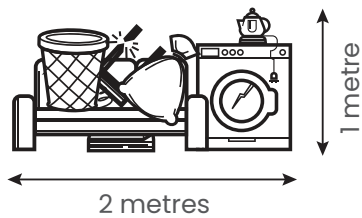
Residents can dispose of their unwanted x-rays at the Drouin Customer Service Centre in the secure x-ray disposal bin in the reception area.

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 also have the option to exchange their free kerbside 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 in a free 'do it yourself' transfer station drop off please call WM Waste Management Services on 1800 969 278 who manage these bookings.

Paid pick up 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 a tray truck. E-waste (including fridges, air conditioners, computers, and TV's) is collected undamaged in the tray truck and taken to Knox Transfer Station for recycling. Everything else is collected in the compactor truck and taken to Knox Transfer Station for sorting and recycling.

If you think any of your hard waste can be salvaged and reused you can take it to a Trash to Treasure shop located at the Lardner, Trafalgar or Erica Transfer Stations.

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

Free hard waste collection or transfer station drop off

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Compost bin / worm farm
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Contact Customer Service
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CDS refund point
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Charity / op shop^
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Transfer Station
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Hard Waste collection

Aerosol cans (empty)	R
Aluminium foil (cleaned & scrunched ball)	R
Animal droppings	G
Asbestos	W
Bag ties	G
Band aids and bandages	G
Baskets	X
Baskets damaged (free)	T G
Batteries (household)(free)	W T S
Batteries (car)(free)	T
Beer bottles	Z R
Books	X R
Bottle tops (plastic)	W G
Bottle tops (metal)	G
Bottles (glass, plastic)	R
Boxes (cardboard)	R
Branches	H O
Bricks*	W
Building materials*	W
Cake/biscuit trays (plastic)	R
Cans (aluminium and tin)	R
Car batteries (free)	T
Car/auto parts	T
Carbon paper/thermal receipts	G
Cardboard	T R
Carpet/carpet underlay	H T
Cartridges (printer/toner) (free)	W T
Cassette/VHS tapes	G T
CD's (e-waste)	W T
CD covers	R
Cellophane	G

Drums triple washed (empty) chemical	S T
DVD's (e-waste)	T
DVD covers	R
Electrical appliances (free/e-waste)	H T
Envelopes	R
Expandable polystyrene (EPS) bagged	G
Fluorescent tubes (free)	W T
Foam meat trays and boxes	G
Foam underlay	T G
Foil (aluminium) (cleaned & scrunched ball)	R
Foil lined cartons	G
Food cans	R
Food waste	C G
Fridges (free/e-waste)	H T
Fruit and vegetable scraps	C G
Furniture	H T X
Garden waste	T C O
Gas bottles	T
Glasses/spectacles	G X
Grass clippings	C O
Hot water units	H T
Household chemicals	W S
Household goods	H T
Hypodermic needles	W S
Ice cream containers	R
Ice cream container lids	R
Jar lids (metal)	R
Jar lids (plastic)	R

Paper towel roll	C R
Paper towel (used)	G
Pet food tins (rinsed)	R
Pharmaceuticals	W S
Phonebooks	R
Pizza boxes (clean)	R
Placemats	X G
Plant cuttings	T C O
Plant pots (clean)	T G
Plasterboard**	T
Plastic bags	G
Plastic strapping	G
Plastic trays/baskets	T G
Plastic wrappers/packets	G
Plate glass	T
Polystyrene (bagged)	G
Printer/toner cartridges	S W T
Pyrex ovenware (broken)	G
Pyrex ovenware (intact)	X
Roofing iron (steel) (free)	T
School bags	X G
Scrap metal (free)	H T
Seedling containers	T G
Shoes	X G
Silage plastic	T
Smoke detectors (e-waste)	S W T
Soft drink bottles (empty)	Z R
Soft drink cans (empty)	Z R
Spirit bottles	R
Sporting goods	T X
Steel (not cans and tins) (free)	T H
Steel cans and tins	R

Ceramics	G
Cereal box inserts	G
Cereal boxes	R
Chemicals	W
Chip packets	G
Cigarette butts	G
Cleaning rags	T G
Cling wrap	G
Clothing	T X G
Clothing baskets	T G
Coffee cans/jars	R
Computer paper	R
Computer parts (free/e-waste)	W T
Concrete*/tiles	W
Cooking oil (container)*	W
Cooking oil (soaked in paper)	G
Corks	G
Cosmetic jars	G
Cotton thread reels	G
Cotton wool buds/balls	G
Crockery (broken)	G
Crockery (intact)	X
Curtains	X T
Cutlery (metal)	X
Cutlery (plastic)	G
Detergent bottles (plastic)	R
Disposable nappies (bagged)	G
Dog poo (bagged)	G
Doors	T
Drink cans	Z R
Drums (empty) steel	T
Drums (empty) plastic	T

Jars	R
Juice cartons	G
Junk mail	R
Kitty litter (bagged)	G
Leaves	C O
Light bulbs (free)	W T
Lolly wrappers	G
Lunch boxes	X G
Magazines	R
Manure	C G
Margarine tubs	R
Matchboxes	G
Mattresses	H T
Meat scraps	G
Meat trays (foam)	G
Medicine bottles (empty/rinsed)	R
Medicines	W S
Milk bottles (glass)	R
Milk cartons (long life)	G
Milk containers (plastic)	R
Mobile phones (e-waste)	W T
Motor oil (free)	T
Nappies (disposable) bagged	G
Needles	W S
Newspaper	R
Office paper	R
Oils (engine)(free)	T
Ovens (free)	H T
Paint	T
Paint tins (dry/empty)	T
Pallets	T

Stoves (free)	H T
Styrofoam (bagged)	G
Syringes	W S
Take away containers (rinsed)	R
Tea bags	C G
Telephone books	R
Televisions (free)	H T
Textiles	T G
Tiles*	S
Timber	H T
Timber (commercial)*	S
Tissues	G
Toilet paper rolls	R
Toner cartridges	S W T
Tools	H T
Toys	X G
Tree prunings	T C O
Twine	G
Tyres	T
Vacuum cleaner dust	G
Vegetable scraps	C G
Vinyl	G
Washing machines (free)	H T
Waxed cardboard	G
Waxed paper	G
Weeds	C O
Whitegoods (e-waste)	H T
Window glass	T
Wine bottles	R
Wrapping paper	R
Yoghurt containers	R
X-Rays	W S







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

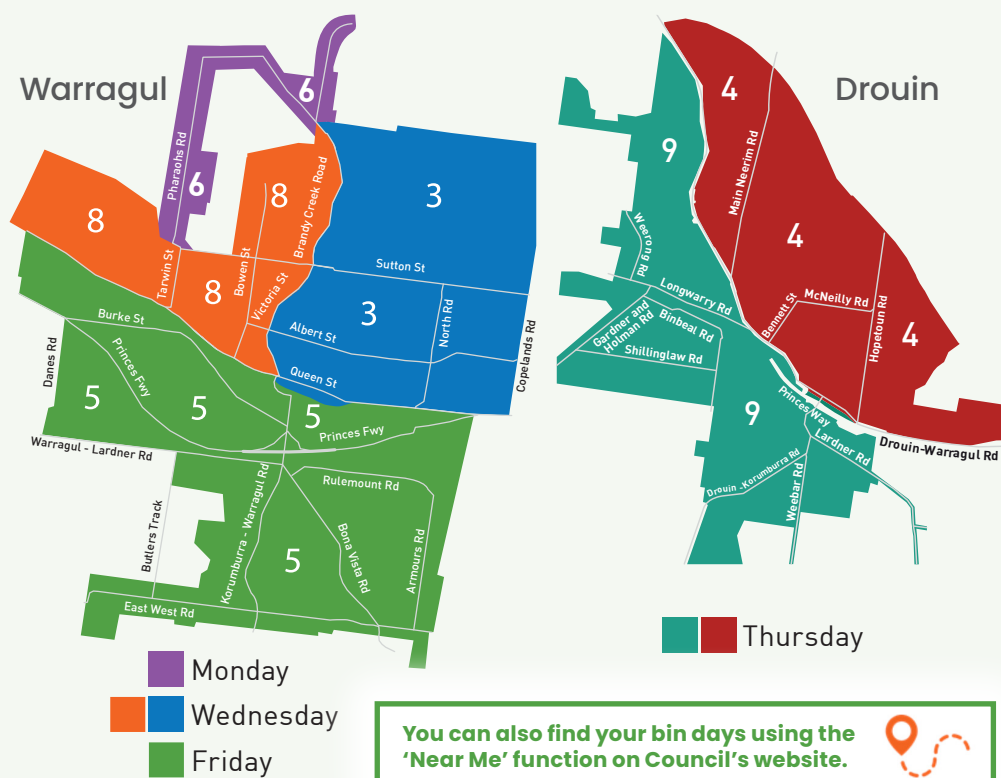
◇ All non-sharp household medical and personal hygiene waste should be placed in your kerbside bin in a sealed bag.
^ Items must be clean and in good working order
* Not accepted
** Free of asbestos

Did you know?

The recycling codes 1-7 on packaging represents the type of resin used to make the plastic. While useful for manufacturers, it doesn't mean it is suitable for your kerbside recycling collection. To find out more about kerbside recycling, please visit www.recycling.vic.gov.au or the recycling page on Council's website

Mixed Recycling collection calendar

	2023				2024								
Collection Area	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Monday: Area 1 Longwarry, Longwarry North, Fisher Rd, Ripplebrook, Labertouche, Drouin South, McGlone Rd, Pryor Rd (part).	4 18	2 16 30	13 27	11 25	8 22	5 19	4 18	1 15 29	13 27	10 24	8 22	5 19	2 16 30
Tuesday: Area 2 Hill End, Willow Grove, Old Sale Rd (part), Tanjil South, Erica, Rawson, Walhalla, Coalville, Narracan, Thorpdale, Westbury, Fumina South.	5 19	3 17 31	14 28	12 26	9 23	6 20	5 19	2 16 30	14 28	11 25	9 23	6 20	3 17
 Wednesday: Area 3 Warragul: East of Victoria St, North of Queen St.	6 20	4 18	1 15 29	13 27	10 24	7 21	6 20	3 17	1 15 29	12 26	10 24	7 21	4 18
 Thursday: Area 4 Drouin: North East of Princes Way.	7 21	5 19	2 16 30	14 28	11 25	8 22	7 21	4 18	2 16 30	13 27	11 25	8 22	5 19
 Friday: Area 5 Warragul: South of Queen St.	8 22	6 20	3 17	1 15 29	12 26	9 23	8 22	5 19	3 17 31	14 28	12 26	9 23	6 20
 Monday: Area 6 Jindivick, Neerim East, Neerim, Neerim Junction, Neerim South, Nayook, Noojee, Rokeby, Drouin West, Buln Buln, Old Sale Rd (part), Brandy Creek, Lilloo Creek, Copelands Rd (part), Pharaohs Rd, Canawindi Dve, Cataracui Crt.	11 25	9 23	6 20	4 18	1 15 29	12 26	11 25	8 22	6 20	3 17	1 15 29	12 26	9 23
Tuesday: Area 7 Trafalgar, Trafalgar East, Yarragon.	12 26	10 24	7 21	5 19	2 16 30	13 27	12 26	9 23	7 21	4 18	2 16 30	13 27	10 24
 Wednesday: Area 8 Warragul: West of Victoria St, North of Queen St.	13 27	11 25	8 22	6 20	3 17 31	14 28	13 27	10 24	8 22	5 19	3 17 31	14 28	11 25
 Thursday: Area 9 Drouin: South West of Princes Way.	14 28	12 26	9 23	7 21	4 18	1 15 29	14 28	11 25	9 23	6 20	4 18	1 15 29	12 26
Friday: Area 10 Ellinbank, Cloverlea, Tetoora Road, Lardner, Nilma, Nilma North, Darnum, Shady Creek.	15 29	13 27	10 24	8 22	5 19	2 16	15 29	12 26	10 24	7 21	5 19	2 16 30	13 27



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

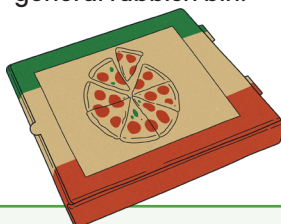
Coffee Cups



- The cup should be put in the general rubbish bin.
- Only white hard plastic lids can be recycled.

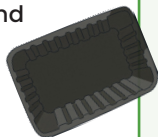
Pizza Boxes

Empty pizza boxes, free of food scraps can be put in your mixed recycling bin. Otherwise place into your general rubbish 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.



Garden organics collection calendar

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For a large print copy of the garden organics and mixed recycling calenders please visit our website or phone 1300 229 229.

New glass recycling and FOGO service coming!

The Victorian Government’s policy, ‘Recycling Victoria: A new economy’, was released in February 2020 to move towards a circular economy.

Recycling Victoria requires each household to have access to standardised services of:

- Glass recycling (purple bin lid) or drop-off location by 2027; and
- Combined food and garden organics (FOGO) (light green bin lid) by 2030.

Council is currently working through the details for these services, and further communications will be provided around mid-2024.



Lost, Damaged or Stolen Bins

Lost, damaged or stolen bins will be replaced free of charge by calling Solo Resource Recovery on 5633 2009.

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: Building, renovation and commercial waste, including concrete, bricks and tiles, are **not** accepted at the transfer stations. Waste loads over 3m² 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

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or call 1300 229 229 for more information**