



Important information about your kerbside recycling, organics and general waste service

Want a bigger recycling bin or another organics bin?

You can also contact the City and upsize your recycling bin from a 240 litre bin to a 360 litre bin for free, or request a second organics bin (fees apply).

Did you know you can downsize your waste bin and save?

You can save up to \$100 per year by downsizing your general waste bin from a 240 litre to a smaller 140 litre bin. Contact the City on 5434 6000 or visit

www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/waste to request a smaller bin.

Why does the City conduct kerbside bin audits?

The City regularly conducts kerbside audits of your recycling, organics and waste bins to help educate the community.

Fifteen per cent of all material sent to our recycling facility is contaminated due to households placing the wrong items in the wrong bins. If items are found to be in the wrong bins the City will leave a note to let you know so you can improve the way you sort your waste in the future.

The audits assist with keeping contamination to a minimum and this reduces the City's financial costs for waste management and therefore the cost to the ratepayer.

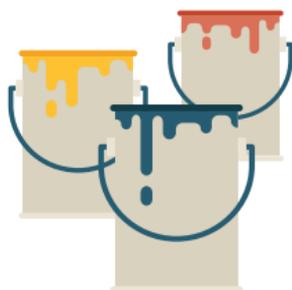
Paintback

If you've been busy painting at home, you can drop off up to 100 litres of unwanted paint to a local transfer station in Strathfieldsaye, Heathcote or Eaglehawk **for free**.

By doing this your unwanted paint will be responsibly recycled and given a second life through the national Paintback initiative.

It will also stay out of landfill and help create a circular economy which is great for the environment.

Head out and discover your local transfer station!



Not all plastics go in the recycling bin!

As a result of changes to the recycling industry, the City has had to remove some low-quality plastic items from the recycling stream that are hard to recycle into new plastics. Therefore, the following items can no longer be placed in your recycling bin:

- Plastic takeaway containers
- UHT/Tetra Pak milk and juice containers



Options for things we can't reuse or recycle

Plastic bags and chip packets	Take to a Redcycle drop-off point or place in general waste bin
Nappies	Swap to reusable nappies or place in general waste bin
Toothpaste tubes	Swap to toothpaste tabs or place in the general waste bin
Polystyrene meat trays	Place in general waste bin

E-waste

Electronic waste (any item with a plug, battery or power cord) cannot be placed in your general waste bin. If you have any e-waste that you no longer want, please take it to any of the City's transfer stations where you can dispose of it **for free**.



Reducing your waste

For some great tips on how to reduce your household waste please visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/waste or call the City on 5434 6000.



Sort it out before you throw it out



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