SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

It’s easy, clean and green

An easy guide to waste and recycling
We encourage you to practice **waste avoidance**, **waste reduction**, **materials recovery** and **recycling**. You can make a difference. This guide will show you how.

**What is ‘sustainable’?**

Is it:

- Living with less water for crops and gardens?
- Switching off lights to save money and energy?
- Saying no to plastic bags at the check out?
- Thinking more carefully about what you buy, use and throw away?

It is all of this—and more. For the waste management team at Central Goldfields Shire, “sustainable” means planning and providing services which help households work toward the goal of less waste to landfill.

**Why it’s important**

All waste that goes into your garbage bin is taken hundreds of kilometres to Stawell for disposal at the Stawell landfill and waste from the Transfer Stations is taken to Patho. This is because the landfills within our Shire have already been filled. There is limited space for our waste in Stawell landfill—one day it will be full and we will need to find new ways to deal with our waste.

**Recycling saves**

Every piece of recyclable material put into your recycling bin is processed into new products—saving virgin resources, water and energy.

By carefully managing your household’s waste, you can help us create a healthy and sustainable future for Central Goldfields Shire.

The waste minimisation triangle shows that a way to have less waste is to avoid creating it to begin with. That way you have less to reuse. The next step is to reuse what you can’t avoid so that you have less to recycle. Finally, recycle all you can (including organic material) so that you are left with only a small amount for landfill.

**Avoid**

One advantage of avoidance is that you can save money as well as space in your bin. It’s mostly about rethinking your shopping and cooking habits.

- Buy non-perishable items (like rice, flour, pet food) in bulk to save on packaging.
- Use reusable containers to pack lunches rather than plastic wrap.
- Cook just enough for each meal to avoid leftovers.
- Remember your reusable bags or baskets when you go shopping.

**Recycle**

When you say ‘recycle’ most people think about what they put into their recycle bin each week. But there are other ways you can recycle.

- Start a compost bin or worm farm for food scraps and garden waste.
- Take used motor oil to the transfer station for recycling.
- Recycle your old mobile phone (at most mobile phone shops).
- Order Council’s green/organics waste bin if you live in an urban area.

**Donate clothing, shoes and toys to charity**

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GO YELLOW! RECYCLE RIGHT

YOUR RECYCLING BIN

These items only

- Aluminium, steel cans, aerosols and clean foil
- Cardboard boxes, cereal boxes and food boxes
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles and containers with codes
- Milk and juice cartons
- Phone books, envelopes, letters, work and school papers, copy paper and office paper
- Newspapers, brochures, magazines and advertising material

240 litre

Items must be loose

No plastic bags

NO. NOT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

- No plastic bags
- No plastic packaging material
- No garbage
- No green waste
- No food waste
- No nappies
- No light globes
- No polystyrene
- No gas bottles, chemicals or hazardous waste
- No motor oil or motor oil containers
- No broken crockery or Pyrex
- No waxed cardboard or cardboard with food remains

These items are not recyclable. Placing them into recycling wastes your good efforts and those of your neighbours.

Your recyclables get a new life!
**YOUR GARBAGE BIN**

**RED LID? STOP AND THINK!**

**These items only**
- Food waste
- Nappies (wrapped)
- Other plastics including film, wrap, polystyrene and plastic packaging
- Window glass, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramics and light globes (wrapped)

**No. Not in your garbage bin**
- Recyclables
- Green waste
- Commercial waste
- Bricks, rubble, heavy timber, building material or scrap metal
- Oils, liquids, paint, chemicals, gas bottles or hazardous waste

**Urban Area** – weekly collection, standard 80 litre bin. Optional 140 litre bin at additional cost.

**Rural Area** – fortnightly collection, standard 140 litre bin. Optional 240 litre bin at additional cost.

Please see the Customer Service Team at the Shire Office 12–22 Nolan Street Maryborough, should you wish to arrange and pay for a larger bin option.

**weekly urban collection, fortnightly rural collection**

**WRAP OR BAG GARbage**

**80 litre or 140 litre**

**BIN DAY REMINDERS**

**Litter includes**
- Cigarette butts dropped in the street or thrown out the car window.
- A plastic bottle which has escaped from a recycling bin.
- Rubbish dumped in the back roads.

Besides being unsightly, litter can damage the environment.

Rubbish left on roadsides leaches toxins into the surrounding environment and atmosphere, and when litter is washed down the drain it ends up in our waterways where it causes pollution and can harm wildlife.

Litter can also contribute to fire hazards.

**Place your bins correctly**
- Near the kerb or roadside.
- Face wheels/handle away from the road.
- Allow half a metre between bins and other objects.
- Keep bins away from over hanging trees.
- Away from parked cars.

Keep your bin light. Trucks use a mechanical arm to empty your bin. If it’s too heavy to wheel to the kerb it’s probably too heavy to lift.

**Prevent litter**
Make sure your bin lids close properly so that no items can escape. Extra bags and boxes can not be collected.

Replace damaged bins (free of charge): contact Council to organise.

If you have large quantities of waste for disposal, please see the information on transfer stations (page 12) or the A–Z Guide (page 8–9).

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Do your bit to keep Central Goldfields clean. Find a bin for your litter, keep a lid on your bin and take larger items to the transfer station.
### YOUR A–Z GUIDE TO WASTE AND RECYCLING

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An optional user pays service for urban properties

**OPTIONAL GREEN/ORGANICS WASTE BIN SERVICE**

**FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS***

**GO GREEN! URBAN RESIDENTS**

**THESE ITEMS ONLY**

- Prunings
- Grass clippings
- Weeds and flowers
- Small branches
- Leaves

**NO. NOT IN YOUR GREEN WASTE BIN**

- NO garbage, nappies, recyclables, plastics or plant pots
- NO hazardous waste, chemicals, paints or oils
- NO building materials, bricks, rubble, sand, soil or dirt

**READY TO ORDER?**

If you live in an urban area, you can add a green/organics waste bin to your recycling and waste service for garden green waste and household organics. Once you place an order you will receive a Green Lidded 240L bin. This bin is emptied twice a month (first and third Friday of every month).

Please see the Customer Service team at the Council Office to arrange and pay for the optional green/organics waste service. This waste is converted into compost at the Carisbrook Transfer Station. *Compost is then made available to participants in the service when produced (no guarantee of supply).

**Compost bins**

Food scraps, tea bags, coffee grinds, garden clippings, prunings, dead leaves and grass can go into a compost bin or onto your compost pile. Once it breaks down, the 'humus' created can be dug through your soil to provide nutrients and help keep moisture in.

**Worm farms**

A worm farm is a composting container which uses worms to break food down. Just about anything organic can go into a worm farm including teabags, paper and tissues. The juice created in the worm farm is an excellent fertiliser.

There are a range of compost bins and worm farms available at your local hardware store. You could also build your own.

For more information about composting visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au, telephone 1300 363 744 or contact the Shire on 5461 0610.

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**Garden waste**

Branches, garden prunings and other garden waste can be taken to the transfer stations at Carisbrook, Talbot, Dunolly and Bealiba where it will be mulched and reused. Mulch for your garden is available to purchase from the transfer stations.

**Did you know that half of the waste from your garbage bin could be composted?**
The Shire operates four refuse transfer stations, located at Carisbrook, Talbot, Dunolly and Bealiba. Waste that can’t be recycled or reused is transferred from these transfer stations to the Patho landfill at Echuca.

To help us recycle, please load your trailer to allow separation of green waste and recyclables from other waste. Our policy is to recycle all we can to reduce what is sent to landfill.

Opening hours
All sites are supervised during the operating times to separate recyclables, collect fees and waste vouchers, and for site management.

Carisbrook – Potts Lane
Open Monday, Tuesday and Friday
10am–4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am–4pm
Closed Wednesday and Thursday
Closed Christmas Day, New Years Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day

Talbot – Rocky Flat Road and Dunolly – Maryborough-Dunolly Road
Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
9am–1pm
Closed Christmas Day, New Years Day and Anzac Day

Bealiba – Whitehills Road
Open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
9am–1pm
Closed Christmas Day, New Years Day and Anzac Day

Fees and charges
Central Goldfields residents can use waste vouchers provided in their rates notice to dispose of general waste, green waste or hard rubbish at the transfer stations:
Car boot or equivalent load 1 voucher
Other loads 2 vouchers per m³
For other fees and charges go to www.centralgoldfields.com.au or contact Ellwaste on 5456 2500.

Hard waste vouchers
You can use waste vouchers provided with the rates notice for this service.

1 cubic metre of hard rubbish = 4 vouchers

ACCEPTED MATERIAL

- Household furniture
- Scrap metal and tools
- Timber
- White goods

NOT ACCEPTED

- NO chemicals or hazardous waste
- NO paint
- NO engine blocks
- NO building materials or asbestos
- NO televisions
- NO tyres
- NO mattresses

Take these to the transfer station

Remember to cover and secure your load.
Detox Your Home

Some household products contain chemicals which can be dangerous to children and pets. You can’t pour them down the sink or put them out with your rubbish because they can harm the environment.

Detox Your Home deals with household products like kitchen and bathroom cleaners, fuels, auto fluids, solvents, pool chemicals, fertilisers, gas bottles and other materials.

A permanent collection point for paint, motor oil, fluorescent tubes, batteries and gas cylinders is available at the City of Ballarat Transfer Station, Gillies St South, Ballarat. Open Monday to Friday 8am–4pm and weekends 10am–4pm.

For more information
Visit www.drummuster.com.au or contact Ellwaste on 5456 2500.

ChemClear

ChemClear provides a reliable and responsible collection and disposal service for obsolete agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

For more information
Visit www.chemclear.com.au or contact the Shire on 5461 0610.

drumMuster

drumMUSTER is a program that collects and recycles empty and clean eligible non-returnable farm chemical containers.

Containers must be flushed, pressure rinsed or triple rinsed prior to delivering to drumMUSTER at the Transfer Station in Carisbrook. There must be no visible chemical residue on the inside or outside of the container or it will not be accepted.

For more information
Visit www.drummuster.com.au or contact Ellwaste on 5456 2500.

For transfer station fees and charges information and hard waste collection enquiries, please call Waste Recyclers of Victoria on 1800 556 952.

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