

A to Z guide for household items

Find out how to recycle, dispose of and compost unwanted items.

A	C	D	G (cont.)
Aerosol can (ensure emptied)	Cameras	Dairy products (no liquid)	Gas bottles/cylinders
Agricultural bag	Cans (aluminium)	Deodorant cans (empty)	Glass (broken, drinking or window - wrapped for safety)
Aluminium foil and foil trays (scrunched up and clean)	Cardboard (non-waxed)	Detergent bottles (empty)	Glass jars
Animal droppings	Cardboard (waxed)	Disposable plastic plates and cutlery	Glass bottles
Asbestos	Carpet and rugs	E	Glasses (optical)
Ash (cold ash only)	Cartons/Tetra Paks - (milk, juice, long-life cartons)	Eggs and egg shells	Gloves (disposable)
B	Cartridges - printer/toner	Egg cartons	Green waste - large items
Bags (compostable, biodegradable, plastic)	CDs and DVDs	Electrical appliance large e.g. microwave	H
Baking paper (waxed paper, muffin cases)	Cellophane	Electrical appliance small e.g. kettle, phone, camera	Hair (human or animal)
Band-aids, earbuds, bandages	Ceramics/crockery	Envelopes (including with windows)	Hearing aids
Batteries (car, solar)	Chemicals/cleaning products (pool, garden, household)	F	Household detergents, cleaners, solvents
Batteries (household)	Chemicals (farm)	Face masks	Household wipes
Batteries (tool)	Cigarette butts	Farm chemical containers (triple rinsed)	I
Bicycles	Citrus	Fire extinguishers	Ice cream containers (cardboard composite)
Biodegradable and compostable items (plates, cutlery)	Cling wrap, plastic film	Fish (raw and cooked)	Ice cream containers (plastic)
Blister packs	Clothing, textiles, shoes (damaged)	Foam boxes and packaging	J
Books (paper cover, clean)	Clothing, textiles, shoes (good condition)	Food scraps (vegetables, fruit, mouldy, out of date)	Junk mail
Bottles (glass)	Coat hangers	Freezers and refrigerators	K
Bottles (plastic)	Coffee cups (disposable)	Fruit stickers, net bags	Kitty litter
Branches and prunings - small (less than 10 cm diameter)	Coffee grounds	Furniture (condition dependent)	L
Branches and prunings - large (larger than 10 cm diameter)	Coffee pods	G	Laminated paper
Bread and bakery products	Computers, including laptops and parts	Garden hose	Lawn clippings, leaves
Bubble wrap	Concrete and rubble	Garden, grass clippings	Lids (metal)
Butter wrapper	Corks	Garden tools and equipment	Lids (plastic - remove if kerbside mixed recycling; leave on if CDS)
	Cotton balls, buds		Light globes
			Light tubes, fluorescent bulbs
			Lolly and ice cream wrappers



General rubbish bin



Food organics drop off



Electrical waste



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Food and garden organics bin



Local reuse donation options



Container Deposit Scheme



Council customer service hubs and libraries



Mixed recycling bin



Glass drop off



Transfer stations

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Margarine containers (scraped clean)	Yellow		
Mattresses	Light Blue		
Meat (raw and cooked)	Green	Dark Green	
Meat trays (plastic)	Yellow		
Meat trays (polystyrene/foam)	Red		
Medicines	Light Brown		
Medicine bottles (empty, clean)	Yellow		
Metals (small and large items)	Light Blue		
Milk carton - plastic	Yellow		
Milk carton - Tetra Paks	Red		
Mobile phones and chargers	Grey	Light Blue	Orange
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Napkins and serviettes	Red		
Nappies (disposable)	Red		
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Oil (engine)	Light Blue		
Oil (household cooking - in sealed container)	Red	Light Brown	
Onion, garlic	Green	Dark Green	
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Paint tins (empty)*	Light Blue		
Paint tins (not empty)*	Light Blue		
Paper (magazines, newspapers)	Yellow		

P (cont.)			
Paper towel (small amounts used to line kitchen caddy)	Green	Red	
Pasta and rice	Green	Dark Green	
Period and incontinence items	Red		
Pet food	Green	Dark Green	
Pet poo (wrapped)	Red		
Pizza boxes (free from oil and food)	Yellow		
Plant pots (broken)	Light Blue	Red	
Plant pots (good condition)	Pink	Light Blue	
Plastic lids	Light Brown	Red	
Plastic straws, plates, cups and cutlery	Red		
Plastics (numbered 1, 2, 5 including biscuit trays and plastic berry punnets)	Yellow		
Plastics (numbered 3,4,6,7 - or not numbered)	Red		
Plastics (soft wraps and films, postage bags)	Red		
Poisons, pesticides and herbicides	Light Brown		
Polystyrene/styrofoam	Red		
Pots and pans (metal)	Pink	Light Blue	
Pottery, porcelain and Pyrex (good condition)	Pink	Light Blue	

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Receipts	Red		
Rope and baling twine	Red		
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Sanitary products	Red		
Scrap metals	Light Blue		
Seafood, shellfish shells	Green	Dark Green	
Shredded paper (clean, small amounts)	Green	Dark Green	
Shredded paper (large amounts)	Red		
Soft plastics, including zip lock bags	Red		
Solar panels	Light Brown		
Syringes/sharps	Light Brown		
T			
Take away food containers (plastic, cardboard - unsoiled)	Yellow		
Tea bags	Red		
Tea leaves (loose)	Green	Dark Green	
Televisions	Grey	Light Blue	
Tissues and napkins	Red		
Toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls	Yellow		
Toothbrush, toothpaste tubes	Orange		
Toys (electric powered)	Grey	Light Blue	
Toys (good condition)	Pink	Light Blue	
Tyres - car, bike	Light Blue		

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Vacuum cleaner dust	Red		
Vapes	Grey	Light Blue	
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Washing machines/ tumble dryers	Light Blue		
Weeds (non-noxious)	Green	Light Blue	
Weeds (noxious)	Light Brown		
Window glass (broken and wrapped)	Red		
Wine bladder	Red		
Wine bottles	Purple	Yellow	
Wipes (baby, sanitary, makeup, household)	Red		
Wooden icy pole sticks, cutlery, toothpicks	Red		
Wrapping paper (coated)	Red		
Wrapping paper (non-coated)	Yellow		
X			
X-rays	Light Brown		
Y			
Yoghurt containers	Yellow		
Yoghurt pouches	Red		

* Creswick and Daylesford only



What is e-waste?

Electronic waste (e-waste) is any item with a battery, cord or plug. It can not be disposed of in your kerbside bins. Small items can be taken to our Council customer service hubs or libraries (smaller than a kettle) but large items need to be taken to the transfer stations.

E-waste that is in working order and passes a test and tag test is able to be resold in the resource recovery shops, aka Tip shops, at our transfer stations.



Transfer stations:

Some charges and fees apply for disposal of items at Council's transfer stations in Creswick, Daylesford and Trentham. If items are of good quality they can sometimes be resold at the transfer stations. Please ask a staff member how this works.

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