

# Waste Management and Recycling Guide 2010

## City of Perth Recycling Calendar

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Your Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) and your Recycling Bin are emptied weekly. Check [www.perth.wa.gov.au](http://www.perth.wa.gov.au) for your collection day, call 1800 013 827 or check the information on the back of your bin. There are no collections on Good Friday and Christmas Day. Your bin will be collected the next day.

Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle, and  
*Dispose Wisely*



- Bins collected one day late
- Bins collected as usual

**ENQUIRIES: 1800 013 827**  
**web: [www.perth.wa.gov.au](http://www.perth.wa.gov.au)**



# Residential Recycling

The City of Perth has introduced a comprehensive residential recycling service for residents.

## What Can I Recycle?

The following items can be placed in your 240 litre recycling MGB.



### Clean Recyclables Lids off, empty, wash and squash!



Plastics number  
(check on bottom  
of container)



Please **DO NOT** place any other materials in this bin.

**No plastic bags, nappies, food scraps, styrofoam, mirrors, windows, electrical goods, toys, oil containers, ceramics, clothing or Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).**

# Battery Recycling

Household batteries (dry-cell) can be dropped off at:

- City Farm, 1 City Farm Place, East Perth.
- City of Perth Library (Lower Ground Floor), 573 Hay Street, Perth.
- Ross Memorial Church (in forecourt, accessible 12.00 until 2.00pm Monday-Friday), Corner Hay and Colin Street, West Perth.

The types of batteries accepted include:

- AA and AAA cells (single use and rechargeable batteries)
- C and D sized batteries
- Button batteries (e.g. from watches)
- 9V batteries
- 6V batteries (e.g. lantern/torch batteries)



# Bulk Verge Collections

If you have items that can't be recycled, the City undertakes a bulk verge collection in October/ November each year.

For dates visit [www.perth.wa.gov.au](http://www.perth.wa.gov.au) or call 1800 013 827.



Your Recycling Collection

**Please see the A-Z Guide in the middle of this brochure for information on how to recycle or dispose of other materials that can't be placed in your 240 litre recycling MGB.**

Residents are encouraged to recycle used goods by donating to charity. The A-Z Guide also has contact information for local charities that accept recycled goods.

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: How You Can Help Reduce Waste

Waste management and minimisation is based on the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle hierarchy (in that order):

**Reduce:** Use reusable shopping bags, buy items with less packaging and unpack appliances before you take them home. When buying new appliances ask the retailer to take the old items.

**Reuse:** Sell unwanted items, trade them in or give them to a charity.

**Recycle:** If you cannot reduce or reuse, recycle to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Planet Ark's website [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au) offers a very useful guide – customised to the suburb where you live – to recycling of unwanted household items. Also check the A-Z Guide in this calendar.

To really make your recycling worthwhile, you also need to buy recycled products. This helps ensure there is a market for the material we recycle and allows us to 'close the waste loop'.

For further information on where to buy recycled products, visit [www.brba.com.au](http://www.brba.com.au)



## Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) can cause harm to the environment and personal health.

**Due to their dangerous properties, these materials are not suitable for disposal in the wheelie bin, recycling bin or via the bulk verge collection, although much can be recycled if you dispose of it correctly.**

The City of Perth, in conjunction with Mindarie Regional Council, provides free access to the following permanent facilities for safe disposal of Household Hazardous Waste.

- Tamala Park, 1700 Marmion Ave, Mindarie
- Recycling Centre Balcatta, 238 Balcatta Rd, Balcatta.

**A maximum of 20L/kg (or combination) per visit applies.**

Visit [www.mrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.mrc.wa.gov.au) for details. Also look for tips on 'How to reduce HHW'.

**Please see the A-Z Guide overleaf for details on disposing of specific household waste materials.**



**Fluorescent Tubes**



**Pool & Garden Chemicals**



**Pesticide & Herbicides**



**Gas Bottles**



**Cans of Paint**



**Flammable Liquids**

**Reduce Hazardous Waste**

# A-Z Recycling & Waste Management Guide

Remember: [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au) is a very good resource on where to recycle. Information is also available at the Waste Authority's RecycleIT Directory at [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)

Air conditioners	V, R, trade in
Aluminium cans	Re
Aluminium furniture, windows	R, C, Y, O
Ammonium nitrate	H
Ant bait	H
Asbestos fencing, sheeting and cladding	R
Auto transmission fluid	H
Batteries – dry cell household	Bat, R, H
Battery acid	H
Bicycles	R, C, O
Bleach	H
Books	Bo
Bottles	Re
Brake fluid	H
Bullets and other ammunition	Police
Car batteries	H
Car bodies	Y, Car
Cardboard	Re, R
Car parts	Y
Carpet cleaners	H
Caustic soda	H
Cement additives	H
Chemicals – pool, garden, household	H
Chlorine	H
Clothing and fabrics	R, C, O
Compact Fluorescent Globes	R, O
Construction/ landscaping waste – reusable	R, O
Construction/ landscaping waste – mixed	R
Corks	Cork
Corrosive (acids & alkalis) and flammable solids	H
Disposable nappies	Wb
Electrical/electronic equipment – TVs, computers, CDs, tapes	R, C, O
Fire extinguisher (yellow body)	H
Flammable liquids and ethylene glycols	H
Floor cleaners	H
Fluorescent tubes/H.I.D. Lamps	H
Food waste	W, Wb
Fruit fly spray	H
Fungicides such as Bordeaux	H
Furniture, brown goods – reusable	R, C, O
Furniture, brown goods – junk	V, R
Garden chemicals, pesticides and poisons	H
Garden waste (small amounts)	W, R
Garden waste (large amounts)	V, R

Gas bottles	H
Glass bottles and jars	Re
Guns and other explosive material	Police
Household goods	R, C, O
Hydrochloric acid	H
Kerosene	H
Medicines	Ph
Methylated spirits	H
Mobile phones and accessories	R, M
Motor oil	R or H
Nappies (disposable)	Wb
Needles	Ph, H
Oil – vegetable, cooking	Wb
Paint	R, H
Paper	Re
Petrol	H
Phosphorous	H
Plastic bottles	Re
Plastic shopping bags	Sh
Plastics – mixed	R
Plastic plant pots	Re, PP
Poisons, herbicides, pesticides	H
Pool chlorine	H
Printer and photocopier ink cartridges	P, R
Radiator inhibitor and radiator antifreeze	H
Refrigerators (de-gassed)	V, R
Rust converter	H
Shopping bags (plastic)	Sh
Signal flares	H
Silver cleaner	H
Smoke alarms	H
Spectacles	Sp
Steel	V, R, Y
Steel cans	Re
Syringes	Ph, H
Telephone books	Re
Tomato dust/spray	H
Turpentine	H
Tyres	Tyre, R
Vacuum cleaner dust	Wb
White goods – serviceable	R, C, O
White goods – junk	V, R

This information was correct as at 30 June 2009. If you have information to add for next year's Guide, please call the City of Perth on **1800 013 827**.

## Codes for method of disposal

- Bat** Drop off at a Battery Recycling bin. See page 3 for locations
- Bo** Drop off at Save the Children shops or at depot, corner Brockway Road and Underwood Avenue Floreat
- C** Contact a charity such as Anglicare 9358 4055, Salvation Army 13 72 58, Save the Children 9328 3155, St Vincent de Paul 9444 5622, Good Samaritan Industries 1300 855 130, Para-Quad Industries 9381 0111 (not all accept electrical items)
- Car** Call Laurance Scrap Metals on 9249 9311 for details about a free collection. Must be on front verge and not under low hanging trees.
- Cork** Any Body Shop or the Girl Guides, 168 Burswood Road, Burswood
- H** Hazardous waste. Please dispose of at temporary collection days, the Recycling Centre Balcatta or Tamala Park. Please see hazardous waste section
- M** Return to mobile phone retailer or a MobileMuster collection point. Check [www.mobilemuster.com.au](http://www.mobilemuster.com.au)
- O** Offer for free or sell
- P** Drop in 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' recycling boxes in participating Australia Post, Harvey Norman, Officeworks or Dick Smith stores
- Ph** Take to any pharmacy
- Police** Take to any police station (please call for advice before transporting explosives)
- PP** Drop off at Lullfitz Nursery (red and green only) or Bunnings Warehouses
- R** Take to Recycling Centre Balcatta or Tamala Park (contact details in this calendar)
- Re** Yellow lid recycling bin
- Sh** Coles or Woolworths supermarket
- Sp** Drop off at Save the Children, or Lions Clubs, OPSM and Laubman & Pank stores, who collect old glasses and sunglasses (including broken) for reuse in developing countries
- Tyre** Take to Tamala Park or Recycling Centre Balcatta (fees apply) or to your tyre retailer
- V** Put out on verge **ONLY** at verge collection times
- W** In worm/compost bin
- Wb** Waste wheelie bin
- Y** Check yellow pages for recovery sites or visit [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au) or [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)

- Hazardous waste
- General waste

# What Your Region is Doing to Reduce Waste: Where You Can Take Your Household Waste

The Mindarie Regional Council (MRC), made up of seven member councils – Cambridge, Joondalup, Perth, Stirling, Victoria Park, Vincent and Wanneroo – is one of the State's leading waste management authorities.

The MRC and its member councils are reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill through a range of initiatives including:

## Material Recovery Facilities

Member councils offer a range of recycling and reuse options and are committed to continual improvement in waste management processes and practices. Material recovery facilities enable potential recyclables to be diverted from landfill and recycled.

## Tamala Park – Transfer Station, Recycling Centre and Power Generation

Tamala Park is an on-site waste transfer station. It includes:

- a Recycling Centre;
- waste oil receival station;
- hazardous waste receival point; and
- a power station located on the site captures landfill gas generated within the landfill and converts it to electricity.

The Tamala Park facility is located at 1700 Marmion Avenue, Mindarie

## Recycling Centre Balcatta

Waste disposal is also available at the Recycling Centre Balcatta, 238 Balcatta Road, Monday to Sunday 7.30am to 4.00pm (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday).

## Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) at Neerabup

Following commissioning of the new Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in Neerabup, 100,000 tonnes of waste from the region is taken to the RRF for conversion into compost. About 40,000 tonnes of market-quality compost will be produced annually, diverting some 70,000 tonnes of waste from landfill.

The plant is owned and operated by BioVision 2020 Pty Ltd under a 20-year contract with the Mindarie Regional Council.

The RRF will play a major role in reducing the volume of waste sent to the Tamala Park landfill by up to 20 per cent each year, with additional environmental and economic benefits.

Tamala Park also offers free firewood in the winter months.

## Tamala Park Recycling Centre

The Tamala Park Recycling Centre accepts and sells recyclable and reusable materials and goods.

Drop off your pre-loved paper goods, glass items, household goods, carpet, firewood, crockery and cutlery, paint (limits apply, please go to [www.mrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.mrc.wa.gov.au) for details), gas bottles and unwanted electronic items including computer hardware and mobile phones.

It is open Tuesday to Sunday (closed Mondays), 7.00am to 4.45pm (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday).

## Tamala Park Waste Disposal Centre

Tamala Park Waste Disposal Centre is open every day of the year (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday), from 7.00am to 4.45pm. Fees apply. Check [www.mrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.mrc.wa.gov.au) for details.



There are five important actions you can take to help the RRF work well:

1. Minimise waste. Think about what you're purchasing.
2. Only put household waste in your green-lidded bin. Keep problem products such as long ropes, extension cords, cables or hoses out of the bin. Keep for a verge collection.
3. Keep all household hazardous waste (HHW) products (such as oils, chemicals, batteries) out of your wheelie bin and dispose of them at Tamala Park or the Recycling Centre Balcatta.
4. Contact the City of Perth to find out what should go in your other bin – the recycling bin – and make the effort to put recyclables there, because if they are put in the household wheelie bin they are likely to end up in landfill. And that's a waste of good resources.
5. Contact the City of Perth to find out what to do with any other products.



Think about what goes in your bin

# Other Useful Waste Minimisation Ideas

## Compost Bins

About half the waste we throw away in our rubbish bins is organic matter that could be recycled in our backyards. Compost is a wonderful fertiliser that is very good for gardens. You can get a compost bin from most hardware stores.

**REMEMBER: No meat, no plastic or metal, no weeds and no dairy in your compost bin.**

## Worm Farms

A worm farm in your backyard will enable you to recycle up to half of your household waste! Saving space in landfill *and* making a rich natural fertiliser for your garden.

Worms in a worm farm will eat organic household scraps including fruit and vegetable matter, human hair, newspaper or cardboard and tree matter such as leaves.

You simply spread your worm castings over your garden and in pot plants. You can even dilute it in water for a liquid fertiliser that will make your garden bloom.

Worm farms are easy to operate and can be made at home using old bathtubs and crates, or purchased from garden suppliers and nurseries.

**REMEMBER: No citrus, meat or onions in your worm farm.**



## Earth Carers

Earth Carers is a community education outreach program which works through trained volunteers providing community members with knowledge and skills in waste minimisation practices. The program has a focus on reduction of general and organic waste.

Free training programs are offered twice yearly. Contact the Earth Carers Coordinator on 9306 6348 if you'd like to become involved or visit [www.mrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.mrc.wa.gov.au) for details.

## Free Mulch

Make your garden water wise with free mulch by visiting [www.mulchnet.com](http://www.mulchnet.com) or contact Classic Tree Services on 9240 2044.



**[www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au) and [www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au) have information sheets on worm farming, composting and mulching.**

## Tours

When our bins are emptied few of us really know where the waste goes and what happens with it. A free MRC tour can answer all of your questions.

For the 590,000 residents of the MRC's seven member Councils, the final destination for our waste is either the new RRF or the landfill facility at Tamala Park.

If you are interested in seeing where your waste goes, join one of the MRC's free tours and see:

1. How much waste goes to landfill and how it is dealt with at Tamala Park.
2. The state-of-the-art landfill facility.
3. The variety of products being recycled.
4. The power plant, where methane gas from the landfill is turned into electricity.

And you'll learn about the steps you can take to reduce what goes into your bin, to minimise what ends up in landfill.

A tour is available to the Recycling Centre Balcatta which receives goods and green waste for recycling and reuse. All the green waste brought to this centre is turned into mulch.

Tours are also available to the RRF at Neerabup where you'll see household waste being processed into compost.

Call the MRC to book your tour or for further information on 9306 6348 or 9306 6303.

## Mindarie Regional Council

The Mindarie Regional Council is WA's largest waste management authority, disposing of some 350,000 tonnes of municipal waste generated each year by 590,000 residents from its seven member councils – Cities of Joondalup, Perth, Stirling, and Wanneroo, and the Towns of Cambridge, Victoria Park and Vincent.



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