



## Remember to Recycle Right

### Tips to help you Recycle Right!

**Did you know** about 20% of the waste sent to landfill is made up of recyclable paper, cardboard, bottles, containers and glass?

Many people don't understand how a few incorrect items in the recycling bin can contaminant an entire truckload of recyclable items. And it's also really unpleasant for the people who work at our Material Recovery Facilities to sort through all sorts of dirty and dangerous objects to collect the recyclable items.

So how can you set up your system to make sure you collect as much as you can?

Set up a tub or box next to your kitchen bin to collect your recyclables, that way everyone at home knows where to put empty recyclables and they won't be tempted to throw them in the rubbish bin.

Making the recycling tub much larger than the rubbish bin so you can fit more in is also really important. Rinse your recyclables in the sink after you've finished doing the dishes so you don't waste extra water and put them straight into the recycling tub.

You can recycle a very wide range of materials, probably a lot more than you think, but it is vital that you put items into the recycling bin loose and **not** in plastic bags.

All of your clean paper and cardboard is recyclable and this includes glossy brochures and magazines, envelopes, phone books, note pads and other cardboard boxes. Don't recycle waxed cardboard or pizza boxes and any other paper or cardboard that has come in contact with food.

Recycling plastic is pretty easy to remember now – if it's rigid or firm (like bottles / containers) it's recyclable. If it's soft and flexible (like cling film, polystyrene and plastic bags) it's rubbish. Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable so make sure you put them into the recycling bin too.

Dirty nappies, food and green waste, toys, clothes, car parts, batteries, crockery and electrical appliances are just some of the items that frequently show up in recycling bins and cause no end of problems for the people working at the recycling centres.

Do your bit and make sure your recycling bin only contains recyclable material.