



Remember to Recycle Right

Benefits of Recycling Right!

Did you know we recycled more than 5700 tonnes of material in the Central Murray Region last year?

What does this mean in terms of our environment? Well, it leads to a saving of over 2,800 tonnes of CO₂ or taking 687 cars permanently off the road and saves over 94,400 litres of water which is equivalent to 38 Olympic swimming pools.

But not only that, it provide employment at local recycling facilities, helps to extend the life of all of the landfills across the region and reduces our reliance on virgin materials to produce everyday items. Recycling is a thriving industry which has VISY Recycling, processing over 500,000 tonnes of material nationally every year.

Some facts about recycling include:

- For every tonne of paper recycled, 13 trees are saved and 4m³ of landfill space is saved
- Recycling PET bottles saves 84% of the energy it takes to make PET bottles from raw materials
- By recycling one aluminium can you are saving enough energy to run your television for three hours.
- Steel is 100% recyclable, which means it can potentially be recycled over and over again without reducing the quality of the end product
- Glass takes one million years to break down naturally but it can be recycled again and again indefinitely; hundreds of times, thousands of times, even millions of times!

There are a wide variety of materials that are now made from recycled product and in many cases, the item recycled is simply turned back into the same product. For example, an aluminum can is recycled and can be back on a supermarket shelf within 60 days.

Plastic products made from recycled bottles and containers include park furniture, bollards, tennis balls and even underwear! (check out www.mitchdowd.com.au for details). Paper and cardboard are turned back into paper and cardboard products, as is glass. Recycling has a long list of benefits not only at a local level, but for the global environment as well. Remember to Recycle Right for a better future and head to www.cmrwmg.com.au for more information.