



put it in the right bin



Landfill

What can I put in my waste bin?

Your waste bin should only be used for STUFF that cannot be reused, recycled or composted.

STUFF that can be put in your landfill bin includes:

- food packaging and other soft plastic packaging
- broken plates, glass or Pyrex
- 'disposable', single-use nappies
- old, worn clothing, shoes and accessories that cannot be re-used or given to charity
- polystyrene foam packaging and foam meat trays.

What happens to the STUFF in my waste bin?

Most household waste will be buried in a landfill but some councils send waste to a treatment facility to convert it into energy and other by-products.

If the landfill site is a long distance away, the truck that collects your waste will take it to a waste transfer station. There, it may be crushed or baled before being loaded onto a road train for transport to the landfill. If the site is close, the truck may go directly to the landfill or treatment site.

At the landfill, waste is tipped out or stacked (if it is in bales) and at the end of the day a 'daily cover' is laid on top to contain the waste, reduce odour and provide a base to deposit the next load of waste materials. Landfills are designed to keep litter, smell, birds and other animals under control. The waste itself is contained within a carefully lined 'cell' so that it cannot pollute any surrounding water. Landfill sites must make sure that waste is managed in an environmentally responsible way.



How can we reduce waste?

Make sure you put your STUFF in the best bin. Unfortunately, large amounts of recycling and organics are still put in the waste bin and when they are mixed together they create a smelly, wasteful mess. We need to choose the right bin to put our STUFF in. Landfills take up large spaces and once they are full, new sites need to be found. Would you rather live near a park or a landfill site?