



Building waste and Resource Recovery

Avoiding the production of waste saves money. If possible, order materials such as timber, plasterboard etc, pre-cut to the required length or size, and only order as much as you need.

Return leftover materials, e.g. bricks, tiles, etc. to the supplier, or send them to a recycling company for resale.

All hard waste and litter must be contained onsite in such a way as to prevent any materials from being blown or washed into the stormwater system and adjacent areas.

Smaller items of litter should be contained in covered bins. Litter is a major source of pollution of our waterways, coastline and oceans.

Ensure that all suitable materials are recycled through a licensed waste contractor.

Written permission is required from the local council for the area in which you are building prior to the recycling waste bin being placed on the road or footpath.

The **South Australian waste levy** is applied to waste by weight and is designed to encourage waste reduction onsite and to increase diversion through recycling.

Governments use landfill levies to fund environmental and sustainability programs to improve waste management and reduce impacts on landfill sites.

These levies are regularly increased which can have an impact on the 'bottom line' and reduce profitability on construction projects.

(Refer to *Environment Protection Act 1993* Section 113 for further information).

Reducing materials to landfill

The practice of waste disposal to landfill is uneconomic. The costs of operating and maintaining landfill sites are high and suitable land is becoming scarce.

Ensure the waste company you use to dispose of your discarded construction materials does recycle, as the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) proposes to prohibit building materials from being sent to landfill sites in the future.

Waste materials going to landfill must be reduced and any toxic content removed before disposal.

'User pays' landfill fees make recycling more profitable and by recycling you can save money.

Recycling and waste management – who to contact:

The Which Bin website, www.whichbin.sa.gov.au and the Which Bin phone hotline 1300 137 118 provide how, where and what to recycle in South Australia.

Contact your local council.

Illegal dumping

Illegal dumping causes social, financial and environmental problems.

KESAB has a number of resources that may be able to assist.

To locate resources visit: www.kesab.asn/productsales/signs/illegal-dumping-signs/

Noise, litter and dust from building and construction sites (domestic and commercial) are common examples of a local nuisance which can have an adverse effect on the community.

Councils enforce the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*.



WARNING: \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply.

For further information

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