

CITY OF MELTON

WASTE & RECYCLING GUIDE

2021



INTRODUCTION

Melton City Council plays an important role in reducing and managing waste within the City of Melton, and as our population grows, so too will the volume of waste generated.

We provide residents with a range of services to assist with managing waste responsibly and sustainably.

This guide provides a summary of these services which are available to both tenants and owners.

To access or obtain more information on these services, please contact Council's Waste Services team on 9747 7200 or visit our website: melton.vic.gov.au/waste

Did you know?

The State Government landfill levy (a fee applied to every tonne of waste sent to landfill) is paid by ratepayers. Council is working to lower this cost by helping residents to reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill and divert as much as possible to recycling and compost.

HOW ARE WE GOING SO FAR?

Last July, Melton City Council changed our garden organics bin (green bin) to also accept food organics, too, making our green bins FOGO bins (food organics garden organics).

The exciting news is that in the first four months of the change, we had almost 1,000 new households sign up for a new green bin, meaning that now around 65 per cent of households in the City of Melton are diverting their food and garden waste from landfill.

A fantastic result!

Our food and garden waste is taken to a local facility which turns the waste into a rich compost which is then used to grow more food.

Council is committed to diverting as much waste away from landfill as possible and thank residents for helping us to achieve this goal.

If you would like to order a FOGO bin or want more information about this service, contact our Customer Service team on 9747 7200.

**GOOD
TO GO
FOGO**

YOUR BIN COLLECTION SERVICE

- 2 **Red and yellow bins are provided to residents for the safe and easy disposal of general household waste and recyclable materials.**
- Residents can also opt to have a green bin to dispose of all food and garden waste, such as plate scrapings and leftovers, along with grass clippings, small branches, leaves and small logs (no more than 30cm in diameter). Additional bins can be provided for a fee.

For further information about bin sizes, fees and charges please visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste

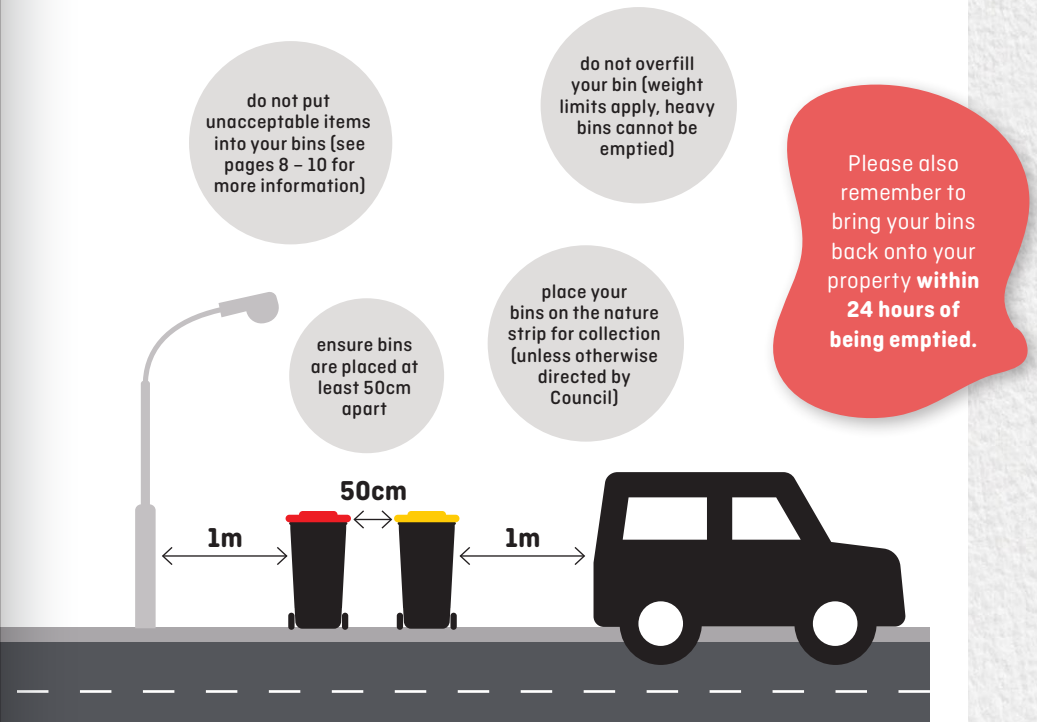
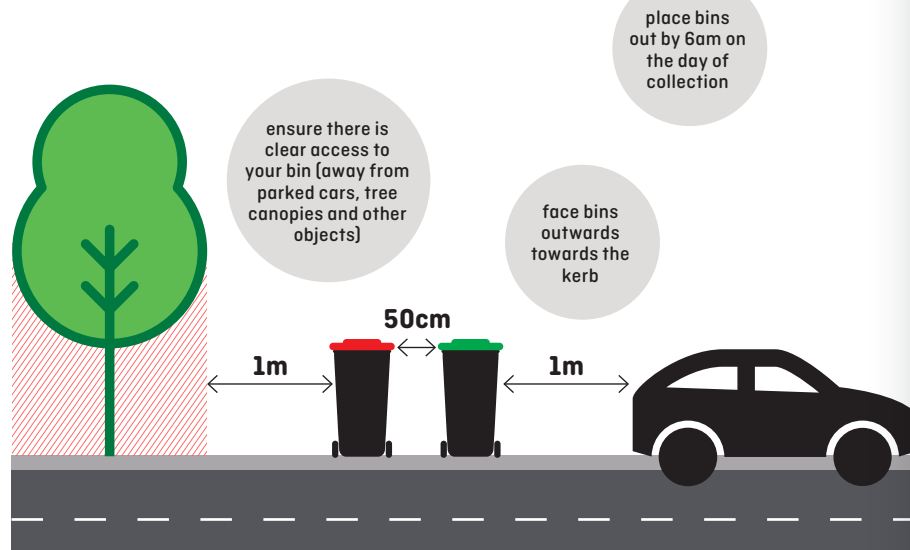


For details on your collection day, please refer to the calendar and area maps within this booklet or visit melton.vic.gov.au



HOW TO PRESENT YOUR BINS FOR COLLECTION

In order to have your bins collected, please:



AREA A BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR 2021

- Recycle Collection
- FOGO collection
- Collected next day

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To find out whether your property is in Area A or Area B, visit Council's website, melton.vic.gov.au/waste or call Customer Service on 9747 7200.

Council undertakes collections on public holidays with the exception of Good Friday and Christmas Day. On these days the collection will be undertaken the following day.

YOUR RED BIN (LANDFILL WASTE)

6 The contents of your red bin go directly to landfill – the least preferred option for waste disposal. Once waste goes to landfill, it remains there to decompose or turn into tiny particles – for materials such as hard plastics, this can take thousands of years.

While our community's recycling efforts are on the rise, City of Melton residents are still disposing of about 30,000 tonnes of household waste each year* which significantly increases the production of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane.

Recent waste audits undertaken by Council have found that an average City of Melton's household red bin contains 11 per cent recyclable material and just over 50 per cent food and garden waste.

To help divert waste from landfill, your red bin should only contain household waste that cannot be recycled or reprocessed through the yellow or green bins.

* Figures accurate as at 30 June 2020; sourced from City of Melton's waste collection records.

All the contents of your red bin must be **bagged**

Do not overfill your bin as this can lead to spillage and littering

Please check the list of red bin **do's and don'ts** to make sure you're disposing of your waste correctly.

Do not include hot ash or liquids

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR RED BIN



building materials



paint



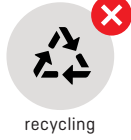
mobile phone



motor oil



batteries



recycling

(Note: soft plastics can be recycled at major supermarkets)

GOOD TO GO

WASTE

General household waste.



You can also put vacuum cleaner bags, bread tags and polystyrene in your red bin.

Please remember to wrap broken glass, mirrors or ceramics in newspaper.

To make sure you're disposing of household waste in the best way, remember the following items shouldn't go in your red bin:

- ✗ Recyclable materials (aluminium cans and foil, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers, paper and cardboard)
- ✗ Building materials
- ✗ Concrete and rocks
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Paint and other household chemicals
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Gas bottles
- ✗ No hot ash or liquids
- ✗ Green waste (food scraps, garden clippings, egg shells and bones) if a green bin service is provided at your property



Electronic waste—any item with a cord or battery—**can't** go in your red bin.



You **can** dispose of your electronic waste for FREE at the Melton Recycling Facility, Cobblebank.

TOP TIP

YOUR YELLOW BIN (RECYCLING)

8 The contents of your recycling bin are taken to a specialist recycling facility where they are sorted into material streams and sold to the manufacturing industry to create new products. Making products from recycled material uses less water and energy than making something from new materials and helps to conserve valuable natural resources.

City of Melton residents recycle a massive 13,000 tonnes of household recyclables each year and our recycling rates are on the rise.

However, recent waste audits found that more than a third of the average yellow bin in the City of Melton contained items that could not be recycled, including bagged garbage and food waste. This material can cause major processing issues at the recycling facility. To help maximise the amount of material being recycled, it is important that you only use the yellow bin for accepted recyclable material.

If containers and lids are made of different materials (eg. a metal lid on a glass container), remove the lid when recycling

All items must go into your yellow bin **loose**, not in a container or bag

Items in your recycling bin should be empty of all food and liquids (you don't need to wash containers – just make sure they're empty)

Keep plastic lids on plastic containers

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR YELLOW BIN



bagged waste



coffee cups



e-waste



plastic bags



textiles



food scraps

GOOD TO GO

RECYCLE

How to make sure you recycle right



However, some things can't go in your yellow bin:

- ✗ Plastic bags or any soft plastic wrap or film
- ✗ Food and garden waste
- ✗ Reusable shopping bags
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Clothing and footwear
- ✗ Paper towel and tissues
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Bubble wrap or padded bags
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Paints and chemicals
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Rubber tyres or tubes
- ✗ Takeaway cups, plates and cutlery
- ✗ Drinking glasses, vases, Pyrex or plate glass



If it's hard plastic, like shampoo bottles or milk containers, put it in your yellow bin.



If it's soft plastic, like chip packets or cling film, put it in your **red bin**.

TOP TIP



YOUR GREEN BIN (GARDEN WASTE)

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The contents of your green bin are collected and taken to a composting facility. The material is processed into mulch and nutrient-rich compost and soil conditioners that improve soil health, fertility and productivity for agricultural and horticultural use.

Putting food and garden waste in your green bin means it stays out of landfill, preventing it from releasing methane (a greenhouse gas 25 times more harmful to the environment than carbon dioxide).

City of Melton residents divert more than 10,000 tonnes of FOGO materials from landfill each year and play a key role in turning waste materials into a valuable resource.

However, recent waste audits revealed that just over 50 per cent of waste put in the red bin across the City of Melton is garden material and food waste. Residents can divert this from landfill by using the green bin instead or by starting a backyard compost.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR GREEN BIN



plastic bags
(including biodegradable bags)



rocks



bricks



large logs



plant pots



fertilisers

Layer your green bin with food and garden waste to help **reduce odour**

Store your green bin in the **shade** to help reduce odour

Don't use any bags at all for collecting your food waste even if they are biodegradable or compostable

Use a **container with a lid** to collect your food waste in the kitchen and then empty into your green bin

Keep your kitchen food waste container in the **fridge** during summer to help reduce odour

To order a green bin, contact Council on 9747 7200

GOOD TO GO

FOGO

Food organics. Garden organics.



Last year, Melton City Council introduced a new food waste collection service. This means any food scraps you'd normally put into your Red Bin (general waste), can go into the Green Bin (green waste).

Why the new service?

The less waste we send to landfill, the better the environmental outcome. Putting food scraps in the Green Bin with garden waste means that it can be turned into a valuable resource – compost – which can be used in gardens, parks and farms.

What does this mean for me?

Existing Green Bin owners

You can add loose food waste into your Green Bin along with your garden materials.

Non-Green Bin owners

To order your Green Bin contact Council's Customer Service team on 9747 7200.

For more information and updates visit:
melton.vic.gov.au/fogo



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E-WASTE BAN

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

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New electronic waste rules introduced by the State Government on 1 July 2019 mean that anything with a cord or battery cannot go in any kerbside bins.

Council is helping City of Melton residents comply by accepting old electronics at the Melton Recycling Facility for FREE*.

E-waste (or electronic waste) is growing three times faster than standard local waste. The new ban will recover more precious resources and help protect the environment from potentially hazardous materials.

* Charges apply for non-residents.

Recovered e-waste is carefully disassembled and suitable components are shredded, sorted and repurposed to be used in new batteries, electronics, homewares and more.

What you can recycle:

- computers and keyboards
- cords
- mobile phones
- televisions and radios
- headphones
- air conditioners
- whitegoods
- small appliances
- batteries
- fluorescent lights
- power tools
- printer cartridges

SORT THE RECYCLING FROM THE MIXED WASTE IN YOUR LOAD AND SAVE ON GATE FEES!

Please note this facility cannot accept commercial quantities of any FREE disposal items.

Always **FREE** to dispose for Melton residents. Charges apply for some items for non-residents:



E-waste such as TVs, computers, printers, VHS, DVD players, mobile phones and microwaves (working or not)



Whitegoods such as fridges, washing machines and dryers (working or not)



Paint up to 100L, no larger than 20L and BBQ gas bottles (up to 9kg)



Car & household batteries



MELTON RECYCLING FACILITY

RECOVERING MORE FROM LANDFILL

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The Melton Recycling Facility provides residents with the opportunity to safely and sustainably dispose of excess waste. The facility accepts a range of different material and many items can be disposed of for FREE for City of Melton residents.

The Resale Shop, located on site also accepts donations of various items provided they are reusable and in reasonable condition. These items are offered back to the community at a small fee, giving them a second life and often diverting the items from landfill.

Each financial year, City of Melton residents and ratepayers are entitled to a limited number of waste vouchers they can use to dispose of waste.

In order to access these entitlements – ratepayers should present their rates notice, or ID and quote their assessment number at the gatehouse.

Tenants can request vouchers by contacting Council two weeks before visiting the facility on 9747 7200.

Melton Recycling Facility Fees and Changes (from 4 January 2021)

In Council's 2020/2021 budget, a new fee structure for the Melton Recycling Facility was introduced.

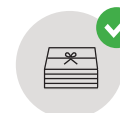
MRF fees are now based on a cubic metre rate, rather than trailer size or vehicle type.

A per-tonne rate will apply for loads, over three cubic metres, and green waste fees have now been reduced.

While non-residents will see an increase in MRF fees, City of Melton residents will actually experience a reduction.

Residents must provide proof of residency at the gatehouse (for example, driver's licence, rates notice or utility bill) to ensure they are charged the reduced fee.

For more information in regards to your waste entitlements or items accepted at the Melton Recycling Facility and Resale Shop please visit melton.vic.gov.au



Cardboard and paper



Light globes and fluorescent tubes



Motor oil (max 6L container and up to 30L), Cooking oil (up to 25L)



Drum Muster Approved Drums



Steel or Solar Panels

MELTON RECYCLING FACILITY

REVISED DISPOSAL FEES FROM 4 JAN 2021

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CITY OF MELTON RESIDENT				
Load Size	Mixed Waste	Green Waste	Clean Inert	Mixed Inert
Car Boot Load	\$17.50	\$10.00	NA	NA
Station Wagon	\$25.00	\$20.00	NA	NA
½ Cubic Metre	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$50.00
1 Cubic Metre	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
Per Tonne (over 3m³)	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Tyres - Each	Bicycle	Car / Motorbike	Light Truck & 4WD	Truck Tyres max. 1100 mm
	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
Other Materials	Rims	Gas Bottles (up to 9 kgs)	Mattresses / Base	Non Drum Muster approved drums
	\$2.00	FREE	\$30.00	\$3.00
	Small E-waste	Medium E-waste	Large E-waste	Fridges & Air Conditioners
	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

NON - RESIDENT				
Load Size	Mixed Waste	Green Waste	Clean Inert	Mixed Inert
Car Boot Load	\$25.00	\$12.50	NA	NA
Station Wagon	\$40.00	\$25.00	NA	NA
½ Cubic Metre	\$42.50	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$57.50
1 Cubic Metre	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$115.00
Per Tonne (over 3m³)	\$215.00	\$190.00	\$187.50	\$290.00
Tyres - Each	Bicycle	Car / Motorbike	Light Truck & 4WD	Truck Tyres max. 1100 mm
	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
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MELTON RECYCLING FACILITY

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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This year, the Melton Recycling Facility will see further development works, with planning for Stage Two upgrades currently underway.

In 2019, the Melton Recycling Facility received just over 30,000 tonnes of waste, approx. 50 per cent of this waste was diverted from landfill through resource recovery practices.

The proposed Stage Two works, scheduled to commence mid-2021, aim to improve operational efficiencies and promote further resource recovery and diversion from landfill.

The upgrades will include a new drive through Front End Resource Recovery (FERR) Shed and Resale Shop at the front of the facility. This will provide residents with a convenient and user friendly way for disposing of reusable or recyclable material (free of charge) prior to travelling over the weighbridge where standard gate fees apply.

A Residual Waste Shed will also be constructed for disposal of general waste, the new area will provide additional bays, improved material handling processes and reduced wait times.

The Melton Recycling Facility Redevelopment is expected to be completed by late 2022.

MELTON RECYCLING FACILITY

33 Ferris Rd, Cobblebank

Open seven days a week, excluding New Year's Day, Good Friday, ANZAC Day and Christmas Day



HARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

16 To help residents dispose of larger hard waste items, Council provides a convenient service that will pick up hard waste items from your home.

Simply make a booking and place the items out by 6am on the collection day and our friendly contractors will collect them from within your property boundary.

Each household is entitled to one hard waste collection up to three cubic metres each year using your waste disposal voucher.

Available to owners and tenants (tenants required to provide current utility bill at time of booking)

Bookings are essential, call 9747 7200 or visit melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

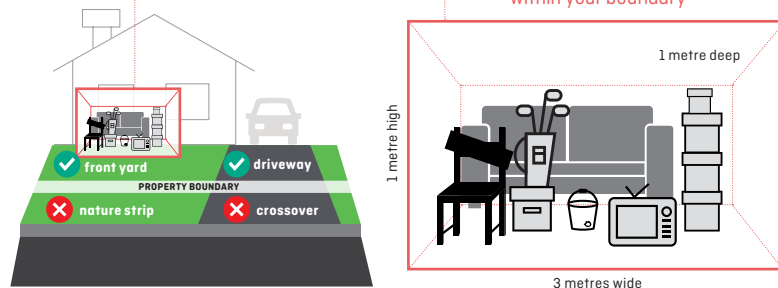
Maximum amount:
3 cubic metres
(3m x 1m x 1m or equivalent)

Maximum item length (timber, metal, carpet etc): 1.5 metres

Maximum item weight: Easily lifted by two people

Items are to be placed within **5 meters** of accessibility point

Place items **ONLY** within your boundary



YES! THESE ITEMS CAN BE COLLECTED



Furniture, kitchenware, playground equipment, toys, bicycles



White goods, appliances, e-waste (e.g. TVs, computers)
Remove fridge doors



Timber or tree stumps max 30cm diameter, roots and branches
No protruding nails or screws, no sharp edges. Bundled and tied, no thorns.



Mattresses, bed bases (limit of 2 pieces)



Scrap metal



Carpet, rugs (rolled or folded)



Cardboard (flattened, bundled and tied)



Glass (including mirrors)
Wrap and clearly label 'Glass'

USE THE MELTON RECYCLING FACILITY FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:



FREE

Kerbside recyclables



FREE

Paint, BBQ gas bottles, CFL globes and fluorescent tubes, car and household batteries



FREE

Motor oil
Free disposal up to 20L in max 6L containers



FEES APPLY

Tyres



FEES APPLY

Building materials, bricks, concrete, pavers, tiles, soil, rocks, fencing, renovation or demolition waste



FEES APPLY

Garden organics
Or subscribe to our kerbside green bin service

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

Household chemicals can be dangerous. They can harm your family and pets, add extra fuel to a house fire, release toxic fumes and pollute the environment for future generations.

Sustainability Victoria conducts local events throughout the year across Victoria to collect household chemicals and divert them from landfill. It provides a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of highly toxic, unwanted household chemicals.

EXAMPLES OF COMMONLY ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:



fertilisers



cleaning products



solvents



pesticides



poisons



pharmaceuticals



gardening chemicals



fuels



brake fluid



There is no restriction on the amount of household chemicals you can dispose of through this service. However, items used for farming, commercial or industrial purposes will not be accepted.

Find the next local event at sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome



LITTER AND DUMPED RUBBISH

Litter and dumped rubbish is not only unsightly, but also creates significant environmental impacts across the municipality.

Littering and dumping includes:

- unwanted household items, general rubbish, clothing that is put on naturestrips, roadsides and outside charity op shops
- soil and other building materials left outside a construction site or on road reserves
- putting household or business rubbish in a public litter bin.

To report sightings or if you witness dumping occurring you can complete a Litter Report form online at melton.vic.gov.au/dumpedrubbish

In an average year, close to **3,500 tonnes** of illegally dumped litter is collected in the City of Melton, costing Council over \$1.5 million to collect and dispose of.

Council takes littering seriously as this behaviour adversely affects the environment and the amenity of our community spaces. Furthermore, the mindset of littering often leads to dumping behaviours and hazards.

If you commit a littering offence you can be fined up to \$6,600 and offenders may be summoned to appear in court.

The form enables you to send Council information that could lead to a fine or prosecution of someone who has littered or dumped rubbish in our City.

Additional details such as the number plate, type of vehicle, date, time and other identification of the dumper are also useful, but only if you can obtain this information safely.

It is important that you do not approach dumpers or touch the rubbish (this may make any evidence inadmissible in court).

Report dumped rubbish online:
melton.vic.gov.au/dumpedrubbish

For further information please visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste



Programs and services are provided to schools and community groups to better educate our residents in waste and recycling, which seeks to encourage them to make sustainable choices well into the future.

Presentations are given free of charge (budget permitting) and interested schools and community groups are welcome to contact us by emailing resourceeducator@melton.vic.gov.au.

BIN INSPECTION PROGRAM

If you have a 'happy' tag, check your letterbox for a movie draw postcard and fill in your details for your chance to win.

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**CUSTOMER SERVICE
CENTRES**

Monday to Friday,
8.30am – 5pm

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