

Recycling and Waste Guide





Using your bin service correctly



FOGO bin

Collected weekly



Recycling bin

Collected fortnightly on alternating week to your rubbish bin



Rubbish bin

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Do not overload your bin. The **maximum weight a truck can collect is 75kg.**

Acknowledgement of Country

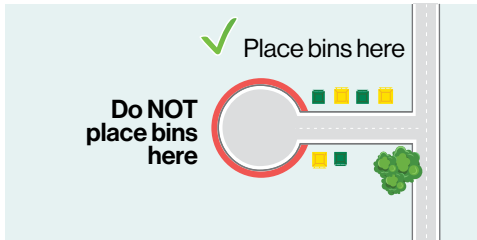
Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nation peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands and waterways. We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region. We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together

Our Vision

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we value our natural beauty, how connected our communities are, and how balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.



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Bin Location

Collection points are used where terrain is inaccessible or unsafe for trucks to empty bins from properties.

Collection points are agreed to by affected residents and council.

Rubbish Bin

Items in your rubbish bin **must be bagged**.

Recycling Bin

Items in your recycling bin **must be loose**.

FOGO Bin

Items in your FOGO bin can go in loose, wrapped in paper, or in a compostable caddy bag. The bag must be certified compostable (AS 4736) and lime-green in colour.



Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)

Collected WEEKLY

The Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin is for your food and garden waste. The contents of this bin will be processed into compost that can be used in gardens and farms.

Food can be added loose, wrapped in paper or in an approved caddy liner.



Items that CAN go into your FOGO bin

- ✓ Council-provided compostable caddy liners that are lime green in colour and marked with the Australian Standard AS4736
- ✓ Food peelings, leftovers
- ✓ Human and pet hair (no commercial quantities)
- ✓ Toothpicks, skewers, icy pole sticks, stirrers and wooden chopsticks (but no forks, knives, spoons, bowls, plates or cups)
- ✓ Meat and bones (raw and cooked), eggs, dairy
- ✓ Seafood and soft shells (prawn, lobster)
- ✓ Bread, pasta, rice, cereal
- ✓ Loose tea leaves, coffee grounds
- ✓ Tissues, paper towel, paper napkins
- ✓ Newspaper (when used to line caddy)
- ✓ Nuts, grains, seeds
- ✓ Desserts, pastries, cakes
- ✓ Leaves and grass clippings
- ✓ Small branches and logs (up to 10cm diameter and 30cm length)
- ✓ Sticks and twigs
- ✓ Weeds and flowers



This list is subject to change. Items once permitted may be no longer allowed due to our FOGO processor finding them problematic in their composting process. Visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au/waste for up-to-date list.



Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)

Collected WEEKLY

Refer to the A-Z guide on pages 14 and 15 for more information on how to dispose of waste correctly.



Items that CANNOT go into your FOGO bin

- ⊗ Compostable liners that don't meet both the Australian Standard AS4736 and not lime green in colour
- ⊗ Food packaging (including compostable/biodegradable packets and takeaway containers), stickers, elastic bands, cling wrap
- ⊗ Plastic items and plastic bags
- ⊗ Nappies and sanitary items and wipes, including those labelled as biodegradable or compostable
- ⊗ Compostable dinner sets and cutlery made from bamboo or wood - cups, bowls, plates, knives, forks, spoons etc
- ⊗ Animal waste, kitty litter, deceased animals
- ⊗ Textiles and fabric, including natural fibres
- ⊗ Hard seafood shells, including oyster and clam shells
- ⊗ Liquids, including cooking oil and milk
- ⊗ Teabags, coffee pods
- ⊗ Treated and painted timber
- ⊗ Ash, rocks, soil
- ⊗ Bricks and building materials
- ⊗ Metals and wire
- ⊗ Garden items such as plant pots, gardening tools, garden hoses
- ⊗ Bamboo plants or stakes

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Recycling

Collected FORTNIGHTLY on alternating week to your rubbish bin



Items that CAN go into your recycling bin



Paper and cardboard

Magazines, envelopes (including windows), office paper, boxes and packaging, egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, pizza boxes



Plastic (rigid bottles and containers)

Milk and beverage bottles, butter, yoghurt, ice cream containers, biscuit trays, fruit punnets, bottles from detergent and cleaning product, shampoo and conditioner, clear meat trays



Glass bottles and jars

From beverages, sauces, jam, condiments and other food



Metals (household steel and aluminium packaging)

Food cans, aerosol cans, foil trays, aluminium foil (scrunched into a tennis ball size)



Please ensure that all items are emptied of their contents and placed loose into your bin, not in plastic bags.



Recycling

Collected **FORTNIGHTLY** on
alternating week to your rubbish bin



Items that **CANNOT** go into your recycling bin

- ⊗ Paper towels or tissues, coffee cups
- ⊗ Shredded paper
- ⊗ Waxed boxes (fruit/vegetable boxes)
- ⊗ UHT/tetrapack cartons - milk, juice, soup, stock
- ⊗ Plastic bags, food wrappers, food pouches
- ⊗ Polystyrene, such as packaging and meat trays
- ⊗ Biodegradable or compostable packaging
- ⊗ Drinking glasses, windows, mirrors, eye glasses
- ⊗ Ceramics or cookware
- ⊗ Light globes
- ⊗ Batteries of any kind
- ⊗ Electronic items - items powered with a cord or battery
- ⊗ Textiles, clothing, bedding, shoes
- ⊗ Syringes
- ⊗ Fire extinguishers, gas bottles, lighters, vapes
- ⊗ Food or garden waste
- ⊗ Plasterboard, timber
- ⊗ Paint tins

Recycle your bottles and cans with the Container Deposit Scheme!

Find your nearest refund point at cdsvic.org.au

Yarra Ranges now has CDS baskets on street and park litter bins, where you can leave eligible drink containers for others, or collect them to cash in yourself. Visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au/cdsbaskets for more information.



Rubbish

Collected **FORTNIGHTLY** on alternating week to your recycling bin

Use your rubbish bin to dispose of materials that cannot be recycled or composted. Remember to bag or wrap all your rubbish. On collection day, do not put rubbish on top of or beside your bin and make sure you can close the bin lid.



Items that **CAN** go into your rubbish bin

- ✓ Household waste
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Foam trays
- ✓ Plastic packaging including food wrappers, cling film and plastic bags
- ✓ Nappies and personal sanitary items
- ✓ Glassware, window glass, mirrors & pyrex
- ✓ Coffee cups and lids.



Items that **CANNOT** go into your rubbish bin

- ✗ Food and garden waste
- ✗ Anything powered by a plug and cord or battery
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Recyclables
- ✗ Bricks, building and renovation materials
- ✗ Paint, pesticides, oils, solvents
- ✗ Syringes and hazardous materials.



Bundled branches

Twice per year

Your bundled branches are collected twice a year – from January to March and November to December. It's important to dispose of excess material in preparation for fire season.

To find your collection dates visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au/wastedates



- ✓ Branches should be tied so they can be safely and easily lifted into the collection vehicle by one person.
- ✓ Branches should be maximum of 1.5 metres in length and have a maximum diameter of 200mm.
- ✓ Tie branches less than 75mm in diameter into bundles using non-plastic string such as jute twine (available from hardware stores).
- ✓ Tree limbs between 75-200mm in diameter can be placed individually – straight, clean, with side branches removed.



- ✗ Timber
- ✗ Stumps, roots, soil
- ✗ Untied small branches
- ✗ Large tree limbs
- ✗ Branches with nails or wire
- ✗ Bamboo, creepers, vines, palm trees, soft plants, rose bushes, thorny plants, weeds, grass clippings, or leaves – these can go into your FOGO bin.

If your bundled branches haven't been collected by the end of your collection week, please notify Council by 5pm on the following Friday at **1300 368 333** so that Council can investigate further. Late notification will result in non-collection of missed properties.

Place your bundled branches on the nature strip by Sunday evening at the start of your collection week, no more than one week in advance. If your bins are normally collected from a collection point, leave your bundled branches at that location.

Non-household properties such as businesses, schools and community groups are not eligible for bundled branch collections.



Hard waste

Once per year between January and March

You can place the following out for hard waste collection. Find your collection date at yarraranges.vic.gov.au/wastedates



- Maximum 3 cubic metres of hard waste (this includes e-waste and mattresses)
- Maximum 3 cubic metres of metals
- Maximum 3 cubic metres of bundles branches

Items must be no longer than 1.5m in length and a maximum of 50kg in weight.



Items that CAN go out for hard waste

Will be recycled

- ✓ TVs and computers
- ✓ Mattresses
- ✓ E-waste items
- ✓ Metals, white goods (remove fridge doors)

Will go to landfill

- ✓ Window glass, mirrors, shower screens (must be wrapped and labelled as 'glass' including glass from tables)
- ✓ Carpet (rolled)
- ✓ Furniture items
- ✓ Timber (up to 10 pieces, no fencing)
- ✓ Large household items too big for rubbish bin





Hard waste

Once per year between January and March



Items that CANNOT go out for hard waste

- ⊗ Industrial, business or commercial waste
- ⊗ Car batteries, tyres, suspension springs, engines, car parts
- ⊗ Household rubbish or recyclables small enough to fit in your bin. These should be placed into your rubbish bin or recycling bin
- ⊗ Polystyrene, bean bag balls and bean bags
- ⊗ Chemicals, liquids, paints, oil, fluids, gas cylinders, fuel, water tanks, fire extinguishers
- ⊗ Bricks, rubble, excavated materials, concrete, soil, building renovation materials, lino, cement sheeting, asbestos
- ⊗ Dangerous items such as barbed wire or unwrapped/broken glass (including tables with unwrapped glass tops)

Hard Waste Collection Information

- Place your items out **no more than one week** before your collection week.
- If your bins are collected from a collection point, leave your hard waste at this location.
- Ensure clear access for collection vehicles during the collection week.
- Vacant blocks, properties without a bin collection and non-residential properties such as businesses, schools and community groups **are not eligible** for a hard waste collection.

If your hard waste has not been collected by the end of your collection week please notify Council by 5pm on the following Friday on 1300 368 333 so it can be investigated. Late notification of missed collections will result in non-collection.

Consider selling, donating, repairing or reusing your items instead of putting out on hard rubbish, which will destine it to landfill.



How to dispose of items that can't go into your bins

Electronic Waste (E-waste)

Electronic waste or e-waste is any item with a power cord or battery.

E-waste cannot be placed into any bin. It can be disposed for free using your annual hard waste collection or taken to a waste transfer station for disposal (a small fee may apply). Some examples of e-waste are:

Kitchen

blender
toaster
kettle
electric knife
radio

Lounge

pedestal fan
remote control
Playstation
light fittings

Children's Room

clock
talking toy
remote control car
tablet
reading light

Bathroom

electric toothbrush
electric shaver
hair dryer
hair straightener

Batteries

Batteries should never be placed into your council bins as they can start fires in collection trucks and leach harmful chemicals into the environment.

Batteries, including AAA, AA, C, D, 9V, laptop, phone and tool batteries can be taken to Aldi, Woolworths or Bunnings stores for recycling. For more information on the types of batteries accepted at each store visit the store website.

Car battery disposal is available at Recovery and Waste Transfer Stations (see page 13).

Detox Your Home

Chemicals should never be placed into your rubbish bin or on your nature strip for hard waste collection. Detox Your Home accepts household cleaners, nail polish remover, fire extinguishers, garden fertilisers, herbicides, insect sprays, pool chemicals, coolant, machine oil and paint thinners.

Councils and Sustainability Victoria partner each year to provide free 'Detox Your Home' collections for the safe disposal of household chemicals.

For more information visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

95% of battery components can be reused if recycled!





Recovery and waste transfer stations

Recovery and Waste Transfer Stations accept a range of items for recycling and disposal, including bulky items such as couches and white goods and many hazardous and difficult to recycle items. Fees apply for some items.

Some transfer stations have a second-hand goods store where items can be purchased for reuse.

All transfer stations within Yarra Ranges are privately operated facilities.

For information on accepted items, prices and open hours, contact the transfer station directly or visit their website.

Coldstream Recycling and Waste Transfer Station

Ingram Rd & Leonard Rd, Coldstream
9739 1227 | yrrs.com.au
Operated by Yarra Ranges Recycling Services

Wesburn Recycling and Waste Transfer Station

689 Old Warburton Rd, Wesburn
5967 1732 | yrrs.com.au
Operated by Yarra Ranges Recycling Services

Montrose Transfer Station

69-71 Canterbury Rd, Montrose
1800 001 444
montrosetransferstation.com.au
Operated by Grosvenor Lodge

Lysterfield Transfer Station

840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield
9753 5411
cleanaway.com.au/location/lysterfield
Operated by Cleanaway

Knox Transfer Station

251 George St, Wantirna South
9887 4222
knoxtransferstation.com.au
Operated by KTS Recycling

Polystyrene Recycling

Monash Recycling & Waste Centre






380 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill
9518 3555 | monash.vic.gov.au

Foamex Victoria

7 Bessemer Rd, Bayswater North
8739 5800
foamex.com.au/sustainability/recycling
Open Mon–Fri, 8:30am–5:00pm
Free drop off





For more locations visit
styrocycle.com.au/where-to-recycle/

A to Z guide to waste and recycling

- B** Bundled branches collection
-  Detox your Home
-  Rubbish bin (bagged)
-  FOGO bin
-  Hard waste collection
- CD** Container Deposit Scheme
-  Recycling bin

- CL** Community links
- T** Recovery & Waste Transfer Centre
- O** Charity/opportunity shop
- I** Search internet for disposal providers
- S** Return to participating stores
- C** Home compost/worm farm





A

- Aerosol cans (empty) 
- Aluminium cans **CD** 
- Aluminium foil 
- Asbestos **I**
- Animal bedding (hay, straw) clean, unsoiled 

B



- Bag ties 
- Band aids 
- Baskets **O** 
- Batteries including (NiCad, alkaline, NiMH)
- Batteries (car) **S**
- Beer bottles **CD** 
- Biodegradable plastics 
- Biscuit trays 
- Blister packs **S** 
- Books (remove cover if non-paper or non-cardboard) **O** 
- Bottle tops (metal & plastic) 
- Bottles (glass and plastic) **CD** 
- Boxes (cardboard)  **T**
- Branches  **B** 
- Bricks or rubble **T**
- Buckets 
- Building materials **I** 



C

- Cans **CD** 
- Car/auto parts **T**
- Carbon paper 
- Cardboard  **T**
- Carpet/carpet underlay **T**  **I**
- Cartridges (printer/toner) **S** **I**



- Cassette tapes 
- Cellophane 
- Cement sheet **T**
- Ceramics (broken) 
- Ceramics (intact) **O** 
- Cereal box inserts **S** 
- Cereal boxes 
- Chemicals 
- Chip packets **S** 
- Cigarette butts 
- Cleaning rags 
- Cling wrap **S** 
- Clothing/textiles **O** 
- Coat hangers 
- Coffee cans & jars 
- Coffee cups & lids **S** 
- Coffee pods/capsules  **I**
- Computer parts  **I** **T**
- Concrete **T**
- Cooking oil (soaked in paper)
- Corks  **I**
- Cosmetic glass jars 
- Cotton wool buds 
- Cups and saucers (broken) 
- Cups and saucers (intact) **O**
- Curtains **O** 
- Cutlery (metal) **O** 
- Cutlery (plastic) 

D











- Detergent bottles 
- Disposable nappies (wrapped) 

- Doors **T**
- Drink cans **CD** 
- Drums (empty) **T**
- DVDs/CDs **S** 




E

- Electrical appliances **T** 
- Envelopes 
- Energy efficient globes **I**



F

- Face masks 
- Fire extinguishers 
- Fluorescent tubes **I**
- Foam meat trays 
- Foam underlay  **T**
- Foil (aluminium) 
- Food cans 
- Food waste 
- Fridges  **T**
- Fruit scraps  **C**
- Furniture **O** **T** 


G

- Garden waste  **C**
- Gas bottles (less than 9kg) **T**
- Glad wrap **S**
- Grass clippings  **C**
- Greeting cards 

H

- Hot water units **T** 
- Household chemicals 
- Hypodermic needles **CL**

I

- Ice cream containers and lids (plastic) 

J

Jar and lids (metal,plastic)	
Juice box	
Junk mail	

K

Kitty litter	
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L

Leaves	
Light bulbs & tubes - fluorescent (wrapped)	
Lolly wrappers	
Lunch boxes	

M

Magazines	
Manure (pet)	
Margarine tub	
Matchboxes (empty)	
Mattresses	
Meat scraps	
Meat trays (foam)	
Medicine bottles (empty/rinsed)	
Medicines	
Metal items	
Milk bottles (plastic or glass)	
Milk cartons (long life)	
Mobile phones	
Motor oil	

N

Nappies - disposable and biodegradable (wrapped)	
Netting	
Needles (sharps container)	
Newspapers	

O

Office paper	
Oils (not motor oil)	
Online-shopping plastic satchels	
Online shopping biodegradable satchel	
Ovens	

P

Paint	
Paint tins (dry/empty)	
Pallets	

Pet food tins (rinsed)



Pet poo



Pharmaceuticals



Phone books



Picture frames



Pizza boxes



Placemats



Plant cuttings



Plant pots (plastic)



Plasterboard



Plastic bags (bagged)



Plastic bottles and containers (household products)



Plastic strapping



Plastic baskets



Plastic wrap (soft plastic)



Plate glass (wrapped)



Polystyrene



Pots and pans



Printer/toner cartridges



Pyrex oven-ware (broken)



Pyrex oven-ware (intact)



S

Saucepans	
School bags	
Scrap metal	
Seedling containers	
Shoes	
Shopping receipts	
Smoke alarms	
Soft drink bottles & cans	
Spectacles	
Sporting goods	
Stationery	
Steel (other than tins and cans)	
Steel cans	
Stoves	
Styrofoam	
Sweet wrappers	
Syringes (sharps container)	

T

Take away containers (plastic)	
Tea bags	
Tea leaves (no bags)	
Telephone books	
Televisions	
Textiles	
Timber	
Tin cans	
Tissues	
Toilet paper rolls	
Toner cartridges	
Tools	
Toothpaste tubes	
Toys (plastic)	
Toys	
Tree prunings	
Twine	
Tyres	

U

UHT/Long life milk cartons	
Utensils (wooden)	

V

Vacuum cleaner dust	
Vapes	
Vegetable scraps	
Vinyl	

W

Washing machines	
Waxed cardboard/paper	
Weeds	
White goods	
Windows	
Wine bottles	
Wipes (baby, cleaning)	
Wrapping paper (no glitter or foil)	

X

X-rays	
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Y

Yoghurt tubs	
Yoghurt pouches	

Tips for keeping your FOGO bin and kitchen caddy clean

- To reduce odours, wrap meat, fish and bones or store in a container, and place in freezer until bin collection day.
- Keep your FOGO bin in a shady location, particularly during summer.
- Rinse out your wheelie bin after collection. Use a broom to remove any waste stuck to the side or bottom.
- Use the Council-provided compostable liners, newspaper or paper towel to line your caddy before using it to collect food waste or wash after use.
- Avoid adding liquids to your caddy to prevent liners from breaking.

Preparing for bushfire season? Don't burn it, BIN IT!

- Place leaves, sticks and branches into your FOGO bin for collection each week to help reduce bushfire fuel on your property and prepare for bushfire season.
- Using your FOGO bin to dispose of bushfire fuel like leaves and sticks is a great alternative to burning off. By using your FOGO bin rather than burning it, you will protect air quality in your neighbourhood, and the material will return to the earth as compost.



Need another language?

Please call the Translating and Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask them to call Yarra Ranges Council.

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