

The Australasian labelling program is designed to help reduce waste by;

- Delivering a clear, well-understood label that will provide greater consumer clarity about what packaging can be recycled.
- Increasing the recovery of recyclable materials and reducing contamination in the waste stream.
- Helping brands to design packaging that is easier to recycle.
- Supporting businesses to inform consumers about the recyclability of their packaging.

Useful Tips for Recycling

Recycling may seem complicated, but the first steps to help with the war on waste are to avoid, reduce reuse. Repurpose, and then recycle (Planet Ark 2018). These 7 golden rules of kerbside recycling will help you to become a successful recycler (Planet Ark 2018);

1. **LOOK FOR THE LABEL:** The Australasian Recycling Label is a proven system that tells you which items can and can't be recycled.

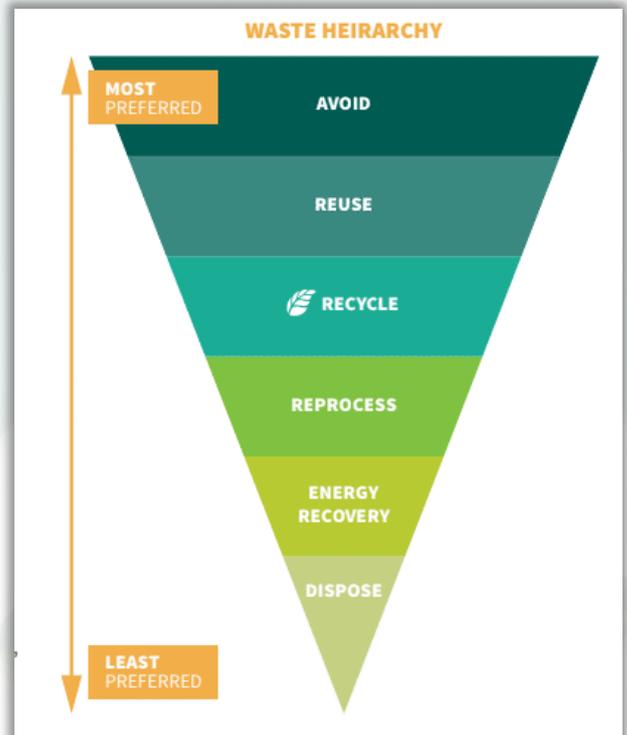
- ◆ Paper & cardboard
- ◆ Cartons
- ◆ Metal cans
- ◆ Glass jars & bottles
- ◆ Plastic containers

2. **PUT IT IN LOOSE:** A common contamination problem seen in kerbside recycling bins is seeing recycled materials in non-recyclables bags. Easy to recycle materials, accepted in most kerbside collections include:

- ◆ Recyclables in plastic bags
- ◆ Soft Plastics
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Crockery
- ◆ Nappies
- ◆ Clothing/textiles
- ◆ Polystyrene
- ◆ CDs/DVDs/videos
- ◆ E-waste (e.g. batteries, mobiles)
- ◆ Window/drinkware glass

3. **LEAVE IT OUT:** Contamination in terms of kerbside recycling occurs when non-recyclable items such as plastic bags are put in the recycling bin. It can clog up recycling machines, degrade the value of recycled materials, increase waste going to landfill and increase the cost of recycling. These materials are not accepted in kerbside collections:

4. **CHECK LOCALLY:** Recycling rules for other materials can vary between council areas. Search 'RecyclingNearYou' or check directly with your council to find out what's accepted.



5. **DROP IT OFF:** Items like mobile phones, coffee capsules, printer cartridges, computers, TVs, paint, soft plastics and beverage containers (instated with a Container Deposit Scheme) can be recycled at drop off locations. Search 'RecyclingNearYou' or check directly with your council to find out what's accepted.
6. **IF IN DOUBT:** Leave it out of the recycling bin! 'Wish-cycling' doesn't work. Putting the wrong thing in the wrong bin can ruin your good recycling efforts
7. **BUY IT BACK:** Unless you're buying packaging and products with recycled content like some plastic bottles and Planet Ark Paper, you're not fully recycling. Search our Recycled Products Directory.

There are a wide range of items that household recycling services do not process, including electronic waste, batteries, printer cartridges, whitegoods, furniture and more. To find out more information on what you can and can't recycle, call the National Recycling Hotline on 1300 733 712 or visit the Planet Ark: Recycle Near You website at <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/about/> to search for drop-off locations to recycle items that are not accepted in kerbside collections.

Our team at Integrate Sustainability is passionate about reducing waste in our community and the environment. To help you meet your waste management goals contact us through 9468 0338 or enquiries@integratesustainability.com.au for more advice and assistance.



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