

# recycle right newsletter

A publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



## NEW RECYCLING CONTRACT SIGNED WITH CITY OF CANNING

The contents of City of Canning residents' yellow lid bins will be making their way to the RRRC materials recovery facility this week, following the signing of a recycling contract with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC). The City has signed a five year contract with the SMRC for the processing of its kerbside recyclable material, commencing 1 July.

City of Canning Mayor Patrick Hall said with Plastic Free July kicking off this week, the timing of the new partnership couldn't be more appropriate. "We're delighted to partner with the SMRC for the processing of our recyclables and look forward to working together with the SMRC and Canning residents to 'recycle right'," said Mayor Hall. "Contamination is costly for everyone. Making sure we put the right thing in the right bin will not only provide a clean stream of materials for recycling, it will also ensure we are getting the most value out of our resources."

The new partnership will provide many benefits to Canning residents, including access to the Recycle Right educational materials and website, as well as an app which will feature City of Canning specific information, such as an A-Z guide for waste separation at home. Dedicated tours of the RRRC will also be available to City of Canning residents free of charge.



SMRC's Chairperson Councillor Doug Thompson said the SMRC is looking forward to assisting our neighbours at the City of Canning with their waste recycling and working collaboratively on waste education.

"Our Recycle Right program encourages and assists residents and businesses in WA to recycle correctly, reduce their waste and live more sustainably" said Cr. Thompson.

"By working collaboratively, and providing a consistent message, we can improve residents' waste practices and ultimately reduce contamination and the amount of waste going to landfill."



## TIK TOK CHALLENGE

Watch the video at [bit.ly/3igqhaA](https://bit.ly/3igqhaA)

The guys at our Materials Recovery Centre (MRF) in Canning Vale, Perth, Western Australia took up the TikTok 'Blinding Lights' dance challenge last month. We think they did a great job! Thanks for getting involved Jared, Suranga, Kristina and Singh. Please visit our You Tube Channel and subscribe to keep up-to-date [bit.ly/2BSoHLi](https://bit.ly/2BSoHLi)



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### RRRC COMMUNITY TOURS

Tours of our Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) have been postponed for the past few months due to Covid-19. We plan to recommence them in line with the WA Covid19 Roadmap Plan on Monday 20 July in line with the commencement of Term 3.

**Our next community tour will be taking place on Saturday 25 July at 9.00am.**

In the meantime, if you would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb, why not 'Like' our Recycle Right Facebook page ([facebook.com/RecycleRightWA/](https://www.facebook.com/RecycleRightWA/)) to view some behind the scenes videos from the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).



# PLASTIC FREE JULY

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is a proud Plastic Free July Council Challenge member together with our member Councils—City of Melville, City of Kwinana, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle.

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. By participating, the SMRC is supporting the community to choose to refuse single-use plastics directly and helping to create cleaner communities, alleviating the recycling crisis, reducing waste going to landfill and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The Plastic Free July challenge provides resources and ideas to help you (and millions of others around the world) reduce single-use plastic waste every day at home, work, school, and even at your local café. If you are just starting out, focus on the Top 4 single use plastics - takeaway coffee cups, plastic shopping bags, plastic straws and water bottles. Or go for gold and try to eliminate all single-use plastics for a month. Form or join a group to take the challenge together. This could be the start of a life-changing experience for you, your family, your colleagues.

How you can participate:-

- Take the challenge [plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/](https://plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/)
- Take the 'Pesky Plastics' Quiz [survey.thinkfieldpanel.com.au/wcfs/29402](https://survey.thinkfieldpanel.com.au/wcfs/29402)
- Look at some popular ideas to reduce plastic waste [plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/](https://plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/)
- Read inspiring stories of what others do [plasticfreejuly.org/what-others-do/](https://plasticfreejuly.org/what-others-do/)

Pledge now to reduce your use! Join 250 million people worldwide taking positive action to reduce waste and single-use plastics this July [plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/](https://plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/)



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## LAUNCHING 1 OCTOBER 2020!

Originally postponed due to the impacts of COVID-19, the State Government has announced that WA's Container Deposit Scheme will kick off on 1 October. Once introduced, WA residents will be able to drop off empty bottles, cans and cartons at refund points, and claim a 10-cent refund for each one. Eligible containers include most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers which are typically consumed outside the home. The introduction of container deposits schemes in other states have resulted in a dramatic reduction in litter and a huge increase in recycling rates. For more information visit the Containers for Change website [containersforchange.com.au/wa](http://containersforchange.com.au/wa) Watch this space!

[recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au)



## WHICH BIN? TIPS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO HELP YOU TO RECYCLE RIGHT

In these changing times, hygiene is critically important. If you are currently suffering from COVID-19, please double bag your tissues and place them in your General Waste Bin.

Tissues and paper towels contaminate the recycling streams so please never place them in the yellow-topped Recycling Bin. If you live in the Cities of Melville, Fremantle or Town of East Fremantle, tissues can be placed in your lime green topped FOGO bin where it will be turned into compost. Otherwise, please place tissues in your General Waste bin.

Some residents may also be using masks and gloves at this time. Please do not litter, but instead place these items in your General Waste Bin.

## FAIR GAME: SAVING OLD SPORTS EQUIPMENT FROM LANDFILL



Give your old sports equipment a second life by donating it to Fair Game!

Fair Game is a local grassroots organisation on a mission to create an equitable, healthier and sustainable Australia by delivering unique health and fitness programs and recycled sports equipment to remote and under-served communities. They work with communities, building their capacity to promote healthy lifestyle choices which reduce the risk of lifestyle related disease, build social cohesion and improve mental well-being.

Fair Game takes your sports equipment to some of the most remote and under-served communities in Australia where it helps remove barriers to participation in sport and fitness activities and supports a healthy lifestyle. Their Recycle & Donate program distributes over 6000 items a year having a positive social and environmental impact.

To find your nearest Fair Game drop off bin visit [fairgame.org.au/donate-equipment/](http://fairgame.org.au/donate-equipment/)

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## RECYCLE RIGHT RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

Our Recycle Right website and App (re-launched in November 2019) continues to help you—the people of Perth—to Recycle Right. Information on both the app and website is tailored to the full assortment of bin systems found in the Perth metropolitan area: 3-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics), 3-bin GO (Garden Organics) and 2-bin. Visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au/](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au/) to find out what goes in which bin, access an ever-growing A-Z list of items and what to do with them, Find My Nearest database of drop-off locations and Bin Day Reminders to alert you on your bin days.

The website also provides a Resources Hub of educational worksheets, how-to guides, fact sheets and templates.

# 9 IDEAS TO REFUSE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

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**1** Remember your reusable water bottle



**2** Choose to refuse plastic straws



**3** Bring your own bag or use a box



**4** Choose to refuse plastic cutlery



**5** Store leftovers in reusable containers



**6** Switch from bottled soft drinks to cans or make your own soda



**7** Re-use glass jars for cupboard storage



**8** Choose to refuse plastic produce bags



**9** Share ideas with your family and friends

AVOID WASTE. PROTECT THE OCEAN. SIGN UP AND BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. [PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG](http://PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG)



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