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recycle right newsletter

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



NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK 9-15 NOVEMBER

For over two decades, Planet Ark's National Recycling Week has provided an important opportunity for councils, workplaces, schools and the wider community to improve their recycling knowledge, reduce their waste and recycle right.

This year's theme is 'Recovery – A future beyond the bin'. By reducing the amount of waste we produce, we not only keep valuable materials out of landfill, but also benefit the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our need for new materials. Reducing and reusing can also save you money at home and in the workplace.

Recycle Right is hosting a number of events to celebrate National Recycling Week.

WEBINAR – NEED SOME TIPS TO AVOID WASTE?

Wednesday 11 Nov, 6pm-7pm via Zoom

Join us for this FREE online event and learn the many ways your household can reduce the amount of waste produced every day and live more sustainably!

Presenters:

Rebecca Prince-Ruiz – Founder, Plastic Free July

Paul Molony – Manager of Resource Recovery & Waste, City of Melville

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For more information and to register visit <https://bit.ly/389KufK>



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OTHER EVENTS

**Total Green Recycling Tour
– Town of East Fremantle**



Tuesday 10 Nov, 12:30pm-3pm

Learn about how you can make a difference to the environment by disposing of your electronic waste correctly and how to avoid common mistakes when trying to destroy data on your devices. You will see all the materials that are recovered from e-waste and learn about what happens to them.

Transport included

For more information and to register visit

<https://bit.ly/3oX4tnR>

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JOIN A TOUR OF THE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE



If you would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb, why not come and join a tour? It's a perfect opportunity to learn a little more about an everyday activity.

During the tour you will visit:

- **The Materials Recovery Facility**, where recyclables are separated, baled and sold for reuse
- **The Education Centre**, where we have lots more resources to help you to reuse, reduce and recycle
- **The Green Waste Facility**, where garden waste is turned into mulch
- **The Waste Composting Facility**, so you can learn how the general waste bin was turned into compost and what now happens with our FOGO materials

TOUR DATES:

Tuesday 10 Nov @ 9am (City of Canning)

Open to residents from the City of Canning

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3663j77>

Wednesday 11 Nov @ 10am (Town of East Fremantle)

Open to residents from the Town of East Fremantle

Transport included

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2JE8Ynd>

Thursday 12 Nov @ 9am (WMRC)

Open to residents from within the Western Metropolitan Regional Council including Town of Claremont, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove and the City of Subiaco.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/38g1pNE>

Friday 13 Nov @ 9:30am (EMRC)

Open to residents from within the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council including the Cities of Bayswater, Belmont, Kalamunda and Swan, the Town of Bassendean and the Shire of Mundaring.

Transport included

Register here: <https://bit.ly/32bW3z2>

Community Tour – Saturday 14 Nov @ 9am – Open to all

Bookings essential! For more information or to register, contact tours@smrc.com.au



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Join the WREN

Do you live in the Fremantle, East Fremantle or Melville Council areas and would like to take part in making change? Why not join an enthusiastic group doing just that?

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Network (WREN) meets in Booragoon once a month at 6pm. The next meeting is on 12 November 2020.

Members engage in issues regarding waste and recycling. We act as a conduit between the public and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) and spread the word at community events.

The group is small and free-thinking, we thrive on using our left brain and like to get things done. We would love to have you join us.

For more information, please contact SMRC@SMRC.com.au or head on down to our stall at the Jacaranda Festival in Applecross on 28 November to have a chat!



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Cash in your eligible drink containers for 10c at one of the 205 refund points across WA, including the City of Fremantle's new refund point located next to the Recycling Centre on Montreal Street. You can earn a bit of extra cash, raise money for your local sports club or even donate to your favourite charity. Eligible containers include most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers which are typically consumed outside the home. The container deposit scheme aims to incentivise Western Australians to recycle more containers to create a dramatic reduction in litter, a huge increase in recycling rates, and help build more pride in the places we live. In WA over 1 million containers were returned through the program on the first day and 100,000 visits to refund points were made within the first 3 weeks!



For more information about the Containers for Change program and to find your nearest refund point visit containersforchange.com.au/wa/



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Be a GREAT Sort!



Landfill is the last resort.

WA is filled with **GREAT** sorts who put less in their bins. Before throwing something away, **GREAT** sorts consider if it can be **G**ifted, **R**ecycled, **E**arth-cycled, **A**voided or **T**aken to a special drop-off point.

Join these **GREAT** sorts and make landfill the last resort!

To find your nearest drop off point for items which can't be recycled through your kerbside bins check out the Find My Nearest tool on the Recycle Right website

– recycleright.wa.gov.au/find-my-nearest/



WHICH BIN DO I PUT THIS IN? (WORKSHOP)

Thursday 12 Nov, 11am-12:30pm at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

You are invited to be part of an informal presentation by members of the WREN (Waste reduction and Recycling Education Network). This interactive workshop will help clarify all your curly questions around rubbish, recycling and waste reduction!

Register at <https://bit.ly/2TVMPmc>



East Fremantle Riverside Clean Up

Saturday 14 Nov, 8:30am-12pm (dive safety briefing at 8am)

Swan Yacht Club, East Fremantle. Off Riverside Road.

Join the Town of East Fremantle, Murdoch University Dive Team and the Swan Yacht Club for a riverside and marine clean up. All clean up equipment is supplied. A free sausage sizzle is provided for all volunteers.

To search for more National Recycling Week events in your local area visit recyclingnearyou.com.au/events/



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WHICH BIN? TIPS TO HELP YOU RECYCLE RIGHT

Don't place your toiletries, or small plastic items in the recycling bin.

When they reach our Materials Recovery Facility, they fall through the sorting screens and end up in the glass line. As you can see from the photo, there are an awful lot of small plastic items and bottle lids that will still need further sorting before the glass can be recycled into road base.

Instead, toiletry items should be placed in your general waste bin. Bottle tops can be collected and dropped at locations.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RECYCLE RIGHT

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/ 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.

GARAGE SALE TRAIL – 21 & 22 NOVEMBER

Just after National Recycling Week is the Garage Sale Trail garagesaletrail.com.au/ This is where you'll get the chance to put all the things you learn about reducing waste and reusing items during National Recycling Week in to practice.

The Garage Sale Trail is a free festival of over 16,000 garage sales that happen in communities across Australia annually. This year's event is all about helping people to make or save money by buying or selling second-hand and with new ways to get involved



both online and in the real world, you can take part no matter what restrictions are in place. You'll help save valuable resources from landfill and make or save some money in the process.

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