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Which Bin: Clothing/shoes?



Use our Recycle Right app to locate a charity shop and donate your clothes and shoes. Donating unwanted clothing reduces landfill waste, as well as the amount of resources needed to produce new clothing.

If you have to dispose of them, place in the green topped bin but try to cut clothing into smaller pieces so they can be effectively composted.

To find your nearest clothing drop off point, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au or download the app.

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Old Phones: Time to Recycle

Did you Know?

In Australia there are more than 23.5 million unused mobile phones stashed away in cupboards and drawers at home and work.

Mobile phone parts are toxic and will harm the environment and human health if not handled properly. Components include cadmium, lead and mercury - poisonous substances that can leach landfills, seep into groundwater, contaminate the soil and enter the food chain.

If recycled the estimated green house gas benefits created would be equivalent to planting 115,000 trees or taking over 5,300 cars off the road!

Reduce

If your current phone is working there's no need to upgrade when a new model becomes available or your provider contract expires.

Reuse and Repair

Pass unused phones onto relatives and friends or charity shops.

Always check to see if faulty or damaged devices can be repaired before deciding to replace.

Recycle

There are numerous drop-off services, such as Mobile Muster, that enable the recovery of many important resources housed in your unused phone.

Use the Recycle Right app to locate your nearest Mobile Muster drop off point. You can also pick up a reply paid recycling satchel at Australia Post outlets.

Sources: mobilemuster.com.au, cleanup.org.au

Have You Seen Us? WA Weekender



Recycle Right recently featured on WA Weekender, the Channel 7 lifestyle program that showcases the best of Western Australia.

Education Officer Emma Baker gave host Jessie James a guided tour through the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) and passed on some handy tips about recycling right.

If you missed the episodes and would like to take a closer look at the separation, composting and recycling processes at the RRRC - they're available online on the Recycle Right website recycleright.wa.gov.au



The Fleet on the Street

You may have noticed some Recycle Right branded waste collection trucks around the southern suburbs recently.

We've created some colourful adverts to spread the Recycle Right message far and wide. Each truck has an essential tip to encourage recycling which will make a big difference to the environment.

Each piece of information targets a common mistake made by households and suggests a simple solution.

Some of the messages are:

- Your green bin is composted
- Place all plastics in your yellow-top bin
- Don't bag your recycling. Place all items loosely in the bin
- Even broken glass should go in the yellow-top bin.

The freshly branded trucks can be spotted in Fremantle, Melville and Cockburn councils.

Worksafe Gold for the SMRC



On Wednesday 8 July the SMRC were delighted to receive a Gold Worksafe Certificate of Achievement from the Worksafe Commissioner, Lex McCulloch.

Gold Certificates are awarded to organisations demonstrating good progress in safety and health management.

The SMRC continues to strive to meet Australian standards, as well as building an excellent safety culture in our workforce.

This has resulted in increased staff awareness, improved reporting procedures and strong leadership.

The award was celebrated with an afternoon tea at the RRRC.

Which Bin: Broken Ceramics?



If unbroken, use our Recycle Right app to locate a charity shop and donate your unwanted ceramics.

Small amounts of broken ceramics can be placed in your **yellow-topped bin** for recycling. They are treated as glass and will be reused as a component of road base product. If ceramics are placed in the green-topped bin it contaminates the compost we make from this.

For your A-Z of recycling, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au or download the app

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Free Recycle Right Kids Workshops

Thursday 13th to
Sunday 16th August
from 10am to 3pm

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Find us at
Garden City
Shopping Centre

For more info visit
recycleright.wa.gov.au

Interested in learning how you can Recycle Right at home?
**Come and make a recycled origami
seed pot – yours to keep!**



RRRC Tours

Would you like to see what happens to your rubbish?

We run free tours of the **Regional Resource Recovery Centre** from Monday to Friday and once a month on a Saturday for anyone interested in understanding exactly what happens after the vergeside bin collection.

Schools, community groups and individuals are welcome and bookings are essential.

The next community tour dates open to families and individuals are:

Saturday 1 August

Saturday 5 September

Other dates can be arranged for groups. To discuss your tour requirements, please contact Emma Baker on **9256 9528** or tours@smrc.com.au

Calendar - Upcoming Events

Kids Workshops at Garden City 13 to 16 August

Interested in knowing more about how you can recycle right at home?

Or would you like to bring your kids along to take part in our free, fun recycling workshops?

In August the Recycle Right team, in partnership with the City of Melville, will be at Garden City shopping centre to promote recycling and sustainable living.

Kids (and adults too) can learn to make an origami seed pot to take home and plant.

You can also bring along your old batteries, VHS tapes, CDs and DVDs to deposit in our recycling station.

You can find the Recycle Right workshop at Garden City in the Western Mall near Australian Geographic.

Date: 13 to 16 August

Time: 10am-3pm daily

Venue: Garden City Shopping Centre, 125 Riseley Street, Booragoon
recycleright.wa.gov.au/community-information/kids-workshops

Clean Schools Workshops Term 3 17 August

Do you have a litter problem in your school? Do you need some motivation and ideas on how to implement an anti-litter program? This FREE PL session is for schools wanting to learn how to change littering behaviour at school. The Clean Schools program provides a guide on running a whole school litter prevention campaign.

Date: Monday 17 August **Time:** 1 – 4pm
Venue: Emmanuel Catholic College, Beeliar

As an added incentive, Keep Australia Beautiful offers a half-day teacher relief subsidy for up to 2 teachers per school to attend this workshop. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Sam Culbertson via phone **6467 5123** or email samantha.culbertson@kabc.wa.gov.au

Keep Australia Beautiful Week 24-30 August

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held in late August each year to raise awareness about the simple things we can do to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage positive action. For more information: kab.org.au



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Crafty Drums Workshops with Kids



Which Bin: Gas Cylinders?



Gas cylinders should **never** be placed in your green or yellow-topped bin.

They are a hazard to the truck driver as they can explode when the truck compacts the waste and they are a hazard to staff at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre and can cause explosions and fire.

To find your nearest drop off point and for your A-Z of recycling, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au or download the app.

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Education Officer Emma Baker recently visited a number of childcare centres to run a fun 'drum making' activity. Children are able to participate and learn about recycling by reusing household items, such as tins and containers, to make an item that is both creative and treasured. Emma visited Shines Family Day Care, Roberta Jull Family Day Care and Teddy Bear Corner in Hilton.

Wow, Win a Worm Farm!



We're giving away a worm farm to one lucky Perth reader.

Worms are a great way to deal with kitchen waste - they'll eat most scraps and produce a high-quality liquid fertiliser. Natural, inexpensive and really good for the environment!

"Worm Tea" and castings are excellent for improving soil quality, conserving water, recycling valuable nutrients and replacing the use of artificial fertilisers. You also will prevent greenhouse gas emissions and landfill impacts from wasted food and garden vegetation. Ticks all round!

To enter simply email Recycle Right at smrc@smrc.com.au with the subject line "Win a Worm Farm" and tell us why you'd like to win.

Entries close 20 August.



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Ken Hurst Park Tree Planting Day

On Saturday 11 July SMRC staff and volunteers through the Community Advisory Group along with the Friends of Ken Hurst Park, joined to plant trees in Ken Hurst Park, adjacent to the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale.

Over 30 people turned out and worked together to plant a large number of native seedlings.

Well done to all involved.



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