

Join the revolution

The Yarra Recycling Revolution starts in November!

You'll receive a new glass-only recycling bin to help improve our recycling.

From now on, we'll be asking you to:

- 1 Separate glass jars and bottles from your other recycling.
- 2 Update your recycling know-how. What can and can't be recycled is changing.
- 3 Change to fortnightly collections for recycling and glass bins. Check the calendar in this kit to confirm which days your bins are collected.



The revolution starts with you – hold on to this kit and use it to help you make the change.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev

Why do we need to change?

We want to help fix the recycling industry, create local jobs and use waste as a resource, instead of sending it to landfill.

Something simple we can all do to help is separate our waste at its source – our homes and workplaces. This way we can use more of what we've thrown out, to make more of what we need. It's the circular economy and it's good for local jobs, the environment and our future.

Why do we need a separate glass bin?

We're introducing a separate glass bin to improve the quality of recyclable materials.

Glass often breaks in the collection process and makes plastics and paper harder to recycle.

Why do we have to change what we put in each bin?

For a long time, Australia has relied on other countries to take and process our recycling. These markets no longer accept our recycling.

From now on, we're only accepting items that can be recycled in Australia to help to grow our local industry and ensure we can recycle here in the future.

This means that some things we used to put in our recycling bins – like milk and juice cartons, aerosol cans, bottle lids and some plastics – can no longer be recycled.

Bins with the incorrect items will no longer be able to be collected until the non-recyclable materials are removed. We need you to help us succeed!



When is it changing?

Your new glass bin

From November we are introducing a new glass-only recycling bin.

Every household and business in Yarra will receive an 80 litre bin before the new service begins.

If you live in an apartment or a complex that has shared bins you might get a slightly larger shared bin.

Your recycling won't change until everyone in Yarra has received their new glass bin.

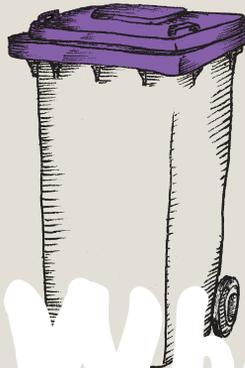
We're working towards the first glass collections starting from the week beginning Monday 23 November.

This date may change due to impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). From November, you can check the date of your first collection by visiting yarracity.vic.gov.au/bincollection

Bin collection calendar

Check the collection calendar included with this Revolution Kit to confirm the collection dates for each bin.

This Revolution Kit is your one-stop-shop to understand what you need to do to sort your recycling right.



When?

When things are changing and why

Glass

You can recycle glass bottles and jars in this bin, however, not all glass can be recycled. Drinking glasses and other household glass should all go in your rubbish bin. Only clean glass bottles and jars, without lids, are accepted.

Your new glass bin is where you will dispose of recyclable glass. It will be collected and turned back into new glass products such as bottles and jars, and any leftovers will be used to resurface our roads.

This list helps you to understand what can and can't go in your glass bin.

If something isn't listed in the 'yes' column, it can't go in your glass bin.

See our **Quick Reference Guide** at the back, to find what goes where.

tip !

Remember, no plastic bags and no lids! Glass jars and bottles need to be clean and empty. No need to remove labels and we can accept broken bottles and jars too.

Yes please



Pasta or sauce bottle, with no lid



No thanks



Glass with food or liquid residue



Wine bottle,
with no lid



Beer bottle,
with no lid



Olive oil
bottle, with
no lid



Jam and
condiment jars,
with no lids



Champagne
bottle, with
no lid



Spirits bottle,
with no lid



Broken glass,
bottles and
jars only



Bottle and jar lids. Metal lids
can go in the recycling bin.



Drinking glasses, crystal
glassware, mirrors and
window glass



Glass bottles containing
cigarette butts or lids



Pyrex, crockery, bakeware
and glass food containers

What you can put in your recycling bin is changing

Your yellow-lidded bin is still your recycling bin, but what you can recycle is changing.

You can place general materials such as clean paper, cardboard, plastic water bottles and aluminium cans in your yellow lidded bin.

By working with Australian manufacturers, we can be confident that our products are being recycled and not ending up in landfill or on a boat heading overseas.

This new recycling model will collect only valuable, highly recyclable materials. It will support local jobs and industries, as well as help protect our environment.



This is a clean slate, a fresh start for Yarra's recycling industry.

This list tells you what you can and can't put in your recycling bin.

If something isn't listed in the 'yes' column, it can't go in your recycling bin.

Bins with the incorrect items will no longer be able to be collected until the non-recyclable materials are removed.

See our **Quick Reference Guide** at the back of this kit, to find out which items go in each bin.

tip !

Remember, no glass and no plastic bags or soft plastics.

All items must be clean and empty.

Not all plastics can be recycled

It's really important to know that the numbers and symbols found on the bottom of plastic items are **not recycling symbols**. It's actually a 'plastic identification code' which tells us what **type of plastic** it is.

Plastic
ID code



Different processors accept different types of plastic, so we need to sort our recycling based on what **Yarra's** new processor will accept.

Please look at the numbers on each item and use the guides in this kit to check what can and can't go in your **recycling bin**.

Yes please



Plastic bottles 1 and 2 (lids off)



Plastic food packaging labelled 5

No thanks



Plastic items labelled 1 and 2 that are **not** bottles



All plastics labelled 3, 4, 6 and 7

Glass no longer goes in your yellow bin



We're separating glass to make recycling better, so please use your separate **purple glass bin**.

No more food or drink cartons in your yellow bin



Our processor doesn't accept milk or juice cartons, Tetra Paks and aerosol cans. Please place these in your **rubbish bin**.

What you can put in your recycling bin is changing

Recycling

Yes please



Paper and flattened cardboard



Egg cartons



Newspapers, junk mail and magazines



Aluminium and steel cans

No thanks



Glass bottles and jars. These can go in your glass recycling bin without their lids



Trigger, spray and pump lids



Foam, polystyrene and styrofoam



Plastic bags and soft plastics (can be recycled at participating supermarkets)



Aluminium foil, scrunched in a ball



Milk and juice cartons, including Tetra Paks



Metal lids from bottles and jars



Coffee cups and lids



Aerosols



Plastic bottles labelled 1 and 2 with lids off



All plastic items (labelled 1 and 2) that are **not** plastic bottles



Plastic food packaging labelled 5 only, e.g ice cream containers, yoghurt and butter tubs, meat trays



All plastic items labelled 3, 4, 6 or 7



Rubbish

You'll still continue to use your rubbish bin for waste which goes to landfill.

Because we've changed what you can put in your recycling bin, you might find you're putting more into your rubbish bin – like food and juice cartons, bottle lids, and aerosol cans.

We recommend looking out for opportunities to buy products that you know can be recycled or reused in the future.

tip !

Not sure where to put something?

Visit

yarracity.vic.gov.au/atozguide

The list below helps you understand what can and can't go in your rubbish bin. If you're still unsure see our **Quick Reference Guide** at the back of this kit, which has more items listed.

Yes please



Nappies and sanitary products



Pyrex, crockery, bakeware and glass food containers



No thanks



Recyclables:

These should go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin



Milk and juice cartons, including Tetra Paks



Polystyrene and take-away containers with food residue



Paper towels, tissues and wet wipes. Coffee cups and lids



All plastic items labelled 1 and 2 that are **not** plastic bottles



All plastic items labelled 3, 4, 6 or 7



Plastic bags and soft plastics (can be recycled at participating supermarkets)



Electronic waste:
Find your nearest local drop off location at yarracity.vic.gov.au/dropoffpoints



Water and oil-based paints:
Find your nearest local drop off location at yarracity.vic.gov.au/dropoffpoints



Bulky or hard rubbish items:
Book a hard rubbish collection at yarracity.vic.gov.au/hardrubbish

Helpful information

We know this is a big change and will take some time to get it right. We'll be with you every step of the way and have lots of information to make it easy for you.

What to do if your bin has been marked as contaminated

If your bin is contaminated (has the wrong items inside), we will let you know by putting a sticker on your bin. Then you'll need to remove the item before we can empty your bin.

How to report a missed bin collection

If your bin was not collected by 4pm, please let us know by completing an online request: yarracity.vic.gov.au/bincollection

Or you can call us on **9205 5555**.

What to do if your bin is stolen or needs to be replaced

If your bin is lost, stolen, or needs to be repaired or replaced you can make a request by calling us or visiting: yarracity.vic.gov.au/replacebin

Where, when and how to place your bin for collection

Placing your bins in the correct position on the street makes it easy for them to be emptied. If your bin is not placed correctly it may not be able to be emptied.

Correct placement

- wheels are away from the kerb
- front of bin is 10cm to 100cm from the kerb
- lid is fully shut
- bins need to be stored off the street following collection

Incorrect placement

- wheels are facing the kerb
- lid is open and bin is overfull
- additional materials or bags are left on the footpath
- behind parked cars or other objects

Rubbish collections on public holidays

For most public holidays we collect your bins on the scheduled day. The only public holidays on which services are sometimes affected are Christmas Day and Good Friday. On those public holidays, collections will be the following day. If you're not sure, check your collection calendar, enclosed in this kit.

What else can I do to help?

Our long-term ambition is to move our community towards producing zero waste.

First, by creating circular economies (using what we've thrown out, to make what we need), and second, by reducing the waste we produce.

There are a few things you can do to reduce both your and Yarra's environmental footprint:

- be mindful of what you buy and try to avoid things with excessive packaging, plastics you only use once, or things you don't need and

We can all play an important role in making Yarra's Recycling Revolution work.

end up throwing away (including food you don't eat!)

- choose products made from recycled materials
- reuse what you already have
- recycle your items properly, by referring to the **Quick reference guide** overleaf, so the things you throw away have the best chance of becoming the things we need

For more information on how you can reduce your waste footprint visit: yarracity.vic.gov.au/reducewaste

Looking for more information? We're here to help!

You can find out more by:

Visiting:

yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev

Calling us on: **9205 5555**

Signing up to the Yarra Life email newsletter:

yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarralife

 @cityofyarra

 @YarraCouncil

National Relay Service

TTY 133 677 then (03) 9205 5555



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Quick reference guide

Here's our list to help sort your waste and recycling into the right bins.

By sorting well, the things you throw away have the best chance of becoming things we need.

 **Recycle bin**  **Glass bin**  **Rubbish bin**

Aluminium cans		Condiment and jam jars (glass no lid)	
Aluminium foil (clean and scrunched into a ball)		Compostable or biodegradable packaging	
Baking paper		Cooking oil tins (empty)	
Beer bottles (no lids)		Dip containers and lids (plastic labelled 5 only)	
Biscuit or cake trays (plastics labelled 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7)		Egg cartons (no residue)	
Books		Envelopes (with or without windows)	
Broken crockery		Fish and meat (cooked and raw)	
Broken glass (bottles and jars only)		Flowers and leaves	
Butcher's paper		Food scraps (all kinds)	
Butter tubs and lids (plastic labelled 5 only)		Glassware (wine glasses, cups)	
Cardboard and flattened boxes		Grass clippings and prunings	
Cat litter (compostable or cardboard)		Greeting cards (no novelty electronic cards)	
Champagne bottles (no lid)		Ice cream containers and lids (plastic labelled 5 only)	
Cleaning product bottles (plastics labelled 1 and 2)		Juice bottles (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	
Coffee cups and lids		Juice cartons	
Coffee grounds		Junk mail (paper)	
Corks		Lids (metal only)	

Lids (plastic, including spray, trigger and pump)	●	Plastics that are not bottles (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	●
Magazines	●	Plastics (plastics labelled 3, 4, 6 and 7)	●
Meat trays (plastic labelled 5 only)	●	Polystyrene	●
Milk bottles and no lids (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	●	Pyrex cookware	●
Milk cartons (including Tetra Paks)	●	Sanitary products	●
Nappies	●	Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel bottles (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	●
Newspapers	●	Shredded paper	●
Olive oil bottle (empty, no lid)	●	Soft drink bottles (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	●
Paper	●	Soft plastics	●
Paper bags (empty with no plastic lining)	●	Spirit bottles (glass, no lid)	●
Paper plates/bowls, but with no scraps	●	Take away cartons (cardboard) (no scraps)	●
Paper towel	●	Take away containers (compostable)	●
Paper towel rolls	●	Take-away containers (plastics labelled 1,2,3,4,6 and 7)	●
Pasta sauce bottle (glass, no lid)	●	Tea (loose leaf)	●
Pet faeces (bagged)	●	Tetra Paks (long life milk cartons)	●
Pet food cans (scraped or washed clean)	●	Tin cans (including baby formula cans)	●
Phone books	●	Tissues, wet wipes	●
Pizza boxes (no scraps)	●	Toilet rolls (cardboard)	●
Plastic bags	●	Wine bottle (glass, no lid)	●
Plastic bottles only, no lids (plastics labelled 1 and 2)	●	Wrapping paper	●
Plastic food packaging (plastic labelled 5 only)	●	Yoghurt tubs (plastic labelled 5 only)	●

Quick reference guide

Top tips



Glass

Clean glass bottles and jars go in the purple-lidded glass bin.



Lids off!

Plastic lids go in the rubbish bin, metal lids in the recycling bin.



Rubbish

Milk and juice cartons (Tetra Paks), aerosol cans and coffee cups and lids all go in the rubbish bin.



Plastics 'No'

Plastics with no number or labelled 3, 4, 6, 7 go in the rubbish bin.



Plastics 'Yes'

To check your plastic can go in your yellow recycling bin check they are plastic bottles labelled 1 and 2 or plastic packaging labelled 5.



No bags

Don't bag your recyclables. All soft plastics go in the rubbish bin or can be taken to participating supermarkets



Scrunch it!

Scrunch your aluminium foil into a ball and place in the recycling bin.



Stick it!

Stick the bin collection calendar on your fridge.

We're here to help!

Find out more here yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev