



KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW

A-Z OF WASTE



● Recycling (yellow lid) bin
 ● Waste (red lid) bin
 ● Transfer station
 ● Specialist recycler

NAME	R	W	TS	S
Aerosol cans - empty				
Aluminium cans				
Aluminium foil - clean				
Animal droppings				
Asbestos				
Batteries - household				
Batteries - vehicle				
Books - if unusable				
Bottle tops & caps				
Bottles plastic & glass - no lids				
Boxes - cardboard				
Bubble wrap				
Building materials				
Car parts				
Cardboard - boxes, rolls				
Carpets/underlay				
Cartridges - printer/toner				
Cassette & VHS tapes				
CD & DVD cases				
CD & DVD discs				
Cellophane				
Cereal box inserts				
Cereal boxes				
Chemicals - domestic				
China, ceramics & crockery				
Chip packets				
Cigarette butts				
Cling wrap				
Clothing, fabrics & shoes				
Coat hangers				
Coffee cups & lids - disposable				
Coffee grounds				
Coffee pods				
Computers, components, accessories				
Containers plastic - clean				
Corks				
Cosmetic jars				
Cotton wool buds, balls & tips				
Egg cartons				
Electrical appliances				
Envelopes - with/without windows				
Fire extinguishers				
Flares				
Food scraps - fruit, vegetables & meat				
Fuel - petrol & diesel				
Furniture				
Garden/green waste - large				
Garden/green waste - small				
Gas bottles				
Glass bottles & jars - no lids				
Glasses (spectacles)				
Glassware - drinking glasses & pyrex				
Grass clippings				
Hand towels - paper				
Hose - garden hose & piping				
Ice cream containers				
Icy pole sticks				
Jar lids - plastic & metal				
Jars - no lids				
Juice cartons - no lids				
Junk mail				
Kitty litter				

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Laminated paper				
Light bulbs & tubes				
Lolly wrappers				
Long life cartons juice & milk - no lids				
Magazines				
Margarine containers				
Mattresses				
Meat trays - foam				
Meat trays plastic - clean				
Milk bottles - no lids				
Milk cartons				
Mobile phones & accessories				
Motor oil - domestic				
Motor oil containers - rinse				
Nappies				
Newspaper				
Oil - motor & cooking (domestic)				
Paint & paint containers				
Pallets - wooden & plastic				
Paper - office, flyers & brochures				
Paper - shredded				
Paper - soiled				
Pet food tins - rinse				
Pizza boxes - clear off scraps				
Plant cuttings & prunings				
Plant pots plastic				
Plastic - compostable (PLA)				
Plastic bags				
Plastic cups, plates and cutlery - disposable				
Plastic strapping				
Plastic wrappers				
Polystyrene				
Poppers & other tetra packs				
Power cables				
Punnets				
Ring pull lids canned foods				
Rope				
Sanitary items				
Scrap metal				
Shampoo bottles - no lids				
Smoke alarms				
Soft drink bottles & cans - no lids				
Soil				
Solvents				
Steel cans & tins - clean				
Straws - disposable				
Syringes & needles				
Takeaway plastic containers - clean				
Televisions				
Timber - treated				
Timber - untreated				
Tissues				
Toilet paper rolls - cardboard				
Toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes				
Toys				
Tyres				
Waxed cardboard/paper				
White goods				
Window glass				
Wine bottles - no lids				
X-ray films				
Yoghurt containers - clean and no lids				



Know more, waste less.

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**WHERE
DOES IT
ALL GO?**



Recycling (yellow lid) bin

The contents are sorted and baled at Council's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Portsmith. These items are then transported to specialised recycling facilities for processing into new materials.

DID YOU KNOW CAIRNS HOUSEHOLDS ARE PLACING 14% OF WASTE INTO THE RECYCLING BIN CAUSING CONTAMINATION



Waste (red lid) bin

The contents are collected from households across the Cairns region and delivered to the Portsmith Residual Waste Transfer Facility. Here, materials are consolidated and transported to landfill

DID YOU KNOW OVER 10% OF THE ITEMS PLACED IN WASTE BINS SHOULD BE PLACED IN YELLOW LID RECYCLING BINS?



Council Transfer Stations

Self-hauled residential waste is accepted at four Transfer Stations located at Portsmith, Smithfield, Gordonvale and Babinda. Materials are recovered for recycling and items which can be reused are made available at Council's Buy Back Shop.

TRANSFER STATIONS ACCEPT MANY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE. VISIT CAIRNS.QLD.GOV.AU TO KNOW MORE



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