

An A to Z of Earth-friendly Waste Disposal



"It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary; plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard."

"Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. We require a new and universal solidarity ... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, paragraphs 22, 14, 217

Item	Disposal options					Other	Your notes here:
	Worm farm	Chickens	Compost / green bin	Bokashi bucket			
aerosols						Check with your local council	
aluminium baking trays						Check with your local council	
aluminium cans						Check with your local council	
avocado - flesh, pip, skin	✓		✓	✓			
batteries - car and other automotive						Battery World* OR community recycling centre*	
batteries - household (AAA, AA, C, D and 9V)						Aldi - drop off at your local store OR Battery World* OR TerraCycle* OR check with your local council	
beauty product containers						TerraCycle*	
books						Check with your local council OR donate to a charity	
bottle tops and jar lids						Check with your local council - remove tops from containers	
bricks						Business Recycling* OR TerraCycle*	
business waste						Business Recycling* OR TerraCycle*	
cardboard	✓		✓	✓		Check with your local council	
cartons (milk and juice)						Check with your local council	
ceramics (eg: roof/floor tiles, whiteware)						Not currently able to be recycled - place in rubbish bin	
chemicals - assorted						CleanOut events*	
china, porcelain, earthenware (ceramics made with clay)						Check with your local council	
chocolate						Cannot be recycled - dispose of through your rubbish bin	
citrus			✓	✓			
clean aluminium foil						Check with your local council	
clothing (wearable)						Check with your local council OR donate to charity organisations	
coffee capsules						TerraCycle*	
computer cables						TechCollect*	
computer monitors						TechCollect*	
computer parts (eg: hard drives, CD drives)						TechCollect*	
computer peripherals and accessories (mice, keyboards, webcams, USBs and modems)						TechCollect*	
computers						TechCollect*	
corks	✓		✓	✓			
cotton and other natural fabrics	✓		✓	✓			
dairy			✓	✓			
drinking pouches						TerraCycle*	
egg shells (crushed)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
e-waste (including mobile phones, TVs cables, etc)						TechCollect* OR Electronic Recycling Australia* OR check with your local council	
electronic goods						Electronic Recycling Australia*	
fish (cooked)		✓		✓			
fish (raw - including any scraps)				✓			
foam						Check with local council	
food (rancid and spoiled)			✓			Wrap and place in rubbish bin	
fruit scraps (peelings, cores, etc - except those listed elsewhere in this guide)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
furniture						Business Recycling* OR TerraCycle*	
garlic			✓	✓		Garlic can be given to chickens in very small quantities	
gas bottles						Community recycling centre*	
glass (all kinds)						Check with your local council OR wrap and place in rubbish bin	
glass bottles and jars						Check with your local council	
grass clippings	✓		✓	✓			
hair clippings	✓		✓	✓			
hazardous waste						Community recycling centre*	
household chemicals						CleanOut events*	
jars						Check with your local council - if accepted, remove lids first	
laptops						TechCollect*	
leaves	✓		✓	✓			
light bulbs (fluoro globes and tubes)						Community recycling centre*	
light bulbs (other)						Wrap and place in rubbish bin	
magazines	✓		✓			Check with your local council	
mattresses						Softlandings*	
meat (cooked)		✓		✓			
meat (processed)							
meat (uncooked)				✓			
medical waste						Check with your local council	
medications						Return to your local pharmacy	
metal cans (tin and steel)						Check with your local council	
metal						Check with your local council	
metal wire						Check with your local council	
motor oils						Community recycling centre*	
nappies (disposable)						Wrap and place in rubbish bin	
newspapers	✓		✓			Check with your local council	
onion			✓	✓			
ovenware						Cannot currently be recycled - place in rubbish	
paint and paint tins						Community recycling centre*	
paper	✓		✓	✓		Check with your local council	
paper napkins (used and unused)	✓		✓	✓		Check with your local council	
pasta (cooked)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
pesticides						Check with your local council OR CleanOut events*	
pet droppings						Specialised composter OR wrap and place in rubbish bin	
phone book						Check with your local council	
plant matter						Check with your local council	
plastics (rigid)						Check with your local council	
plastics (soft / scrunchable)						REDcycle - scrunch to ball size or cut large sheets of plastic into A3 pieces OR check with your local council	
polystyrene						Check with your local council OR rubbish bin	
printer cartridges						Planet Ark via participating Australia Post, Officeworks, Harvey Norman shops OR check with your local council	
printers, faxes, scanners and multi-functional devices						TechCollect*	
rancid or spoiled food						Wrap and place in rubbish bin	
razors (disposable)						Wrap and place in rubbish bin	
rhubarb			✓	✓			
rice (cooked)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
saucepans/pots/trypan						Check with your local council - in any case, no glass or pyrex lids	
smoke detectors						Community recycling centre*	
tea bags	✓		✓	✓			
televisions						TechCollect*	
tins						Check with your local council	
toothbrushes						TerraCycle*	
toothpaste containers						TerraCycle*	
tyres (cars and other vehicles)						Business Recycling* OR TerraCycle*	
vegetable scraps (except those listed elsewhere in this guide)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<i>Include additional items here:</i>							

* Details below

Business Recycling: businessrecycling.com
 Chemical CleanOut events (NSW only): telephone (02) 9995 5555
 Community recycling centres:
 NSW - telephone (02) 9995 5555
 QLD - telephone 1300 130 372 or visit <https://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/waste/>
 In your local area: _____

REDcycle: www.redcycle.net.au
 Softlandings: www.softlandings.com.au
 TechCollect: <http://techcollect.com.au/> or telephone 1300 229 837
 TerraCycle: www.terracycle.com.au
 You may wish to include additional contacts here: _____

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Electronic Recycling Australia (SA only): <https://www.electronicrecyclingaustralia.com.au> or tphone (08) 8374 2276
 Planet Ark: cartridges.planetark.org

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