

Waste separation in your household or workplace

Reducing and sorting your waste, and choosing to recycle right, are important. Here are some tips to help you create a waste separation system:

The daily choices you and your family or employees make may not seem like much, but they do add up. Choosing to reduce waste and separate out recyclables does actually have a large impact on our environment and the local waste management services available.

Choose to be a steward of your waste and recycling to make a positive difference in our community transition to a more sustainable, circular economy.

Waste separation *matters*. Did you know?

A recent bin audit of Goondiwindi Regional Council kerbside wheelie bins has shown we need to be better at sorting our waste, Goondiwindi Region!

- On average, **15** eligible 10cent containers are disposed in *both* kerbside bins each collection week or fortnight!
- **42%** of waste in your red-lid general waste bin is **organics**.
- **20%** of contents in your yellow-lid recycling bin are non-recyclables (**contamination** trucked back to Goondiwindi landfill).

Tip 1: Divert household organics.

If you have a compost garden, chooks, or a worm farm at home you can divert food organics. You can also compost dry leaves, cardboard, eggshells, newspaper, and coffee grounds!



Tip 2: Work out what materials you need to sort into general waste and recycling bins.

Goondiwindi Regional Council offers a general waste (red-lid) and recycling (yellow-lid) kerbside collection service.

- **General waste** > Red-lid wheelie bin or general waste bin.

Note: No hazardous items permitted.

- **Recycling** > Yellow-lid wheelie bin or take to waste facility recycling bin.

Note: No garden waste, food waste, soft plastic, biodegradable or compostable materials, or hazardous items.

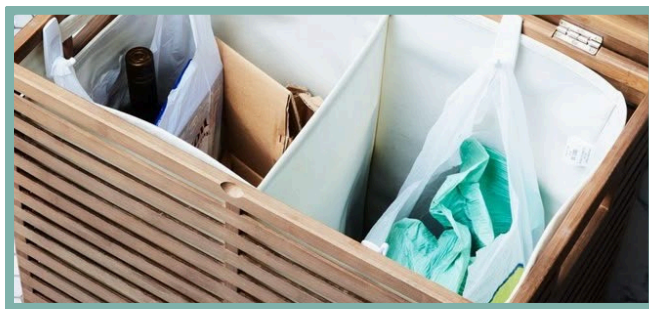
Top 5 recyclable materials include, paper and cardboard, steel containers, aluminium drink cans, glass bottles/jars, and hard plastic containers.



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Tip 3: Work out what materials you can better separate & recover at home or in your workplace.

Waste separation is a crucial practice because, it means certain resources can be recovered through your actions instead of going to landfill.



Tip 4: Invent your waste separation system.

For your household, you can purchase a storage unit or build your own from the materials you already have on hand. Utilise drawers for storing paper or stack storage boxes in cupboards. Another option is to convert a laundry hamper into storage for your recyclables.

EcoBin have a 'Pick and Mix' bin range, which would be suited to office spaces. If your business needs an additional kerbside recycling bin, call Council today on 07 4671 7400 to discuss.



Hint: Never bin your batteries! Take them to a B-cycle collection point.

