

LSC Waste Wise



Helping residents reduce waste

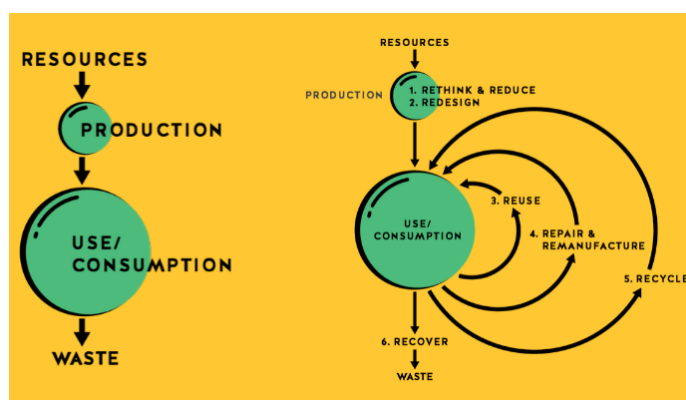
Reducing waste to Landfill is more than just recycling. It's about making use of what we have, consuming less, and being more resourceful. Livingstone Shire Council is committed to helping residents reduce their waste by encouraging them to avoid, reuse, repair, upcycle and sharing of knowledge and equipment.

The nature of the mainstream 'make>take>dispose' consumer model has a significant detrimental impact on human health, our community and the planet as a whole. Australia is depleting its resources at an accelerated rate, whilst generating unprecedented waste and emissions. The opportunity of transitioning to a 'circular economy' has been identified as a major opportunity to support new industries and jobs, reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and increase the efficient use of natural resources such as energy, waste and materials.

The less waste sent to Landfill reduces the amount of methane and leachate produced. Methane is a greenhouse gas 30 times more damaging than carbon dioxide. Leachate is the liquid by-product of decomposing waste which has to be collected and carefully treated before it is safe to release to the environment. What you put in your waste bin will be sent directly to the Landfill face and be buried underground creating toxic environmental waste which in turn effects everyone's lives in our community.

There are many other everyday items that we can reuse and upcycle instead of them going to Landfill. View the following tips to help you reuse more at home:

- buy items from the Yeppoon Landfill Recycle Market or from second hand shops, garage sales and community sales.
- always share or donate quality items that you don't need or want. For locations, check out the national website for charities or Recycling Near You or donate to a local Op Shop. Swap clothes with friends and family.
- give yourself a project to repair and refurbish homewares and furniture, rather than buying brand new.
- incorporate pre-loved and revived clothing into your wardrobe by mending, altering, upstyling and buying second-hand.



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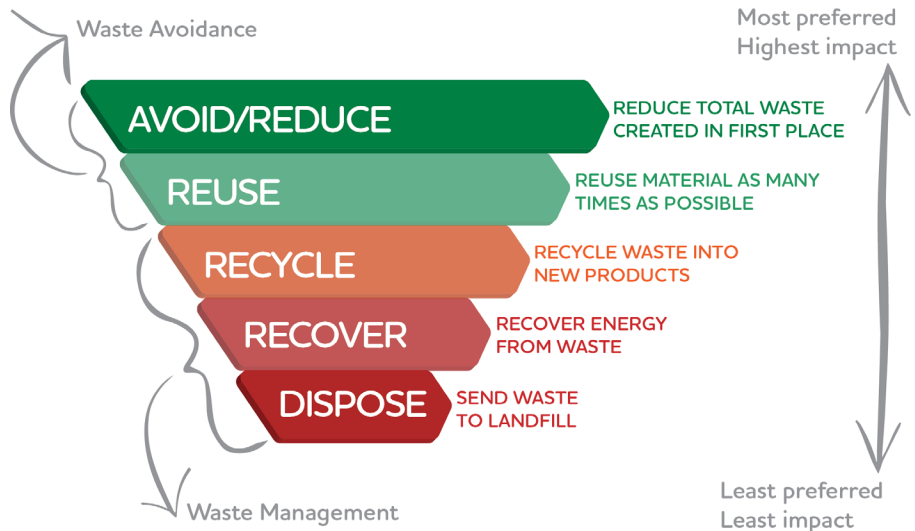
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The Waste Hierarchy



The waste hierarchy ranks waste management options in order of their general environmental desirability. Waste avoidance is the most preferred option and disposal (to Landfill) is the least preferred option.

» Avoidance/Refuse

The best way to deal with waste is to prevent it in the first place. Consider what you're buying and use alternatives that don't create waste. Learn to say "No" to items that will end up in the Landfill.

» Re-Use

Rather than throwing things away, we should check to see if it can be used again, repaired or repurposed.

» Reprocessing

using materials that would otherwise become waste (such as offcuts) during the production process. Not only is this a big deal for our environment but it also creates jobs.

» Recycling

When we recycle something, we convert the item back into raw materials that can be used to create new products. Recycling is about closing the Loop and processing recyclable products. You can help close the Loop by buying back recycled products.

» Disposal to Landfill

If waste isn't reused, recycled or recovered it ends up in the Landfill which is harmful to our environment.

Livingstone Waste Wise App and e-Newsletter

Check out our website for our App where you can access all relevant waste, Landfill and transfer station and recycling information on your phone or tablet, or download the Livingstone Waste Wise app from the App Store.

We also have a quarterly eNewsletter filled with lots of handy tips, information, statistics, etc. This can also be found on Council's website.

Recycling...it's Wheelie Easy!



It is important that only recyclable materials are placed in the yellow lidded bin. How you can excel at recycling:

- » Use three bins in your kitchen - one for recycling, one for landfill waste and one for kitchen scraps for composting.
- » Recycle all glass, cardboard, paper, metal and hard plastic (e.g. milk and water bottles). All other materials cannot be recycled in your yellow bin.
- » The number 1 – 7 found on the bottom of plastics is not a recycling symbol but rather a **plastic or resin identification code**. It advises what type of plastic the item is made from but not if it is recyclable. Another way is if you can scrunch the plastic container and it comes back to its original shape it is safe to go in the Recycle bin.
- » Ensure all lids are removed from containers and bottles. Lids are disposed of in your Waste bin.
- » Ensure all recycling is loose in your recycling bin and not in bags.
- » All soft plastics can be disposed of at a REDcycle station which can be found near the information desk at Coles and Woolworths shops.

Waste Bin

All of the contents of this bin goes directly to the Landfill face and is buried underground creating toxic environmental waste.

Fires are often caused by the compression of hazardous items, such as batteries or aerosol cans, which should not have been placed in the kerbside bins.



Be a good sort and save \$

At our Landfill and Transfer Stations you can drop off a wide range of items for recycling free of charge, if you sort them before arrival. Sorting means separating items into similar groups in your car, ute or trailer, rather than having them mixed all together. By sorting your load you'll:

- » **Save** money - the more we can recover, the less you'll pay
- » **Save** time - quickly unload different materials at the various designated collection points
- » **Save** our environment - keep waste out of the Landfill

You can use this **free service** as often as you like during standard operating hours. No booking is required. These items are recycled into new products, the list of items includes:

- » Flattened paper and cardboard;
- » Light scrap metal;
- » E-Waste;
- » Clean glass, plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans;
- » Other metals including car bodies (all fluids and tyres must be removed);
- » Domestic oil (maximum of 20 litres);
- » Domestic batteries (limit of 5); and
- » Re-saleable items (determined by the Gatehouse staff).

The smart way to load:

1. Group similar materials together; for example putting scrap metal in a separate pile to cardboard)
2. Place green waste and timber towards the front of the vehicle
3. Place general waste to the back of the vehicle
4. Place scrap metal and recycling on top or where it can be unloaded first
5. Cover your load during travel to the Landfill/Transfer Station

Unloading tips, when unloading remember:

- » Be aware of other people and vehicles
- » Never stand on the back of the trailer or ute
- » Choose the correct stockpile when recycling items
- » Bring someone to help with larger/heavier items

If you don't sort your waste you are still welcome at our Landfill and Transfer Stations, however, you will be charged the appropriate disposal fee. Our Landfill staff and equipment will then extract any reusable or recyclable items from the mixed waste and divert them from the Landfill.



Use your purchasing power

Successfully avoiding waste means rethinking our actions. Zero waste is not about perfectionism; work towards minimising your waste one baby step at a time. Here's some tips to help you make a more conscious choice:

- » To minimise waste bring your own containers/ cups for take-away food/ coffee/ tea, etc. Small shops are almost always more accommodating of your choice than big chains.
- » Depending on where you live, bulk options may be a possibility. This selection usually ranges from dry food items, household items and personal care products. This will save you money in your shopping bill and reduce the amount of packaging.
- » Enjoy local food from local Farmers' Markets and roadside produce stalls who have nice locally grown food in season and supports local producers.
- » Purchase from a local business who encourage container re-use for the products that they sell. In CQ, we have hairdressers who encourage you to bring your empty shampoo and conditioner bottles back to refill, plant nurseries who encourage you to refill your fertilisers with the ranges they sell and a lot of health food stores have bulk refill options as well.
- » Buy fresh food items in smaller quantities, shop more frequently for these and choose loose fruits and vegetables over pre-packaged items.
- » Say "No" to impulse buys. How often have you really wanted something and then found it wasn't a 'need' only a 'desire' and then ended up throwing the item out.
- » We can all make a difference to both our community and environment by using our **consumer power**. Conduct research of your local businesses where you buy your products from; ask them if they recycle/reuse the products they sell at the end of the product's current life. Delivering on the expectations of customers will ensure that the shopping experience drives repeat sales.