



# Committed to change in Livingstone Shire Council

Livingstone Shire Council is committed to diverting waste from our Landfill and encouraging behavioural change with avoidance, reuse and recycling of materials by residents in our community.

Our vision is that our Livingstone Shire residents transition to a circular economy for better health, environmental and sustainability outcomes.



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## Recycle Right

To encourage residents of Livingstone Shire to recycle and protect our community's environment please refer to the Recycle These Items image below which outlines what can and cannot be placed in your household kerbside recycling bin. For quick and handy information on disposal of certain household items refer to Council's list of A-Z of Waste which can be found on the Livingstone Waste Wise App or on Council's website here <https://livingstone.impactapps.com.au/a-z>. Waste is not waste until we waste it.

**RECYCLE THESE ITEMS**  
Remove lids, rinse containers and place items loosely in the yellow-lidded bin. Don't put them in plastic bags.

**DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS**

- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Disposable nappies
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Ceramics and ovenware
- ✗ Lightbulbs, mirrors and window glass
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Pots, pans and large steel items
- ✗ Garden hoses
- ✗ Batteries

Aluminium cans, steel cans and aerosols

Paper, cardboard and magazines

Glass bottles and jars

Plastic bottles and containers (numbers 1-6)

Milk and juice cartons

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## Commercial/Business Waste Disposal in Livingstone Shire

The Queensland Government introduced the waste levy on 1 July 2019 with a strategic target of 25% reduction in household waste, 90% of waste being recovered and not ending up being buried in a landfill and to have 75% recycling rates across all waste types in Queensland. All commercial business owners must dispose of their waste at the Yeppoon landfill as all waste must be weighed as per State Government regulations. If you are a business owner who uses the Yeppoon Landfill and wishes to save your drivers time on the landfill site, it is suggested you apply to Council for a landfill account, this application can be found on Council's website: <https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/3227/debtor-account-application-for-landfill-account>

Please do not hesitate to contact Council's Waste Services Team on 1300790919 who can explain the benefits and guide you on the completion of this application. ecoBiz is a free program for small to medium businesses, funded by the Queensland Government, to assist businesses to save money and increase efficiencies with their waste, water and energy bills; further details can be found on this site: <https://ecobiz.businesschamberqld.com.au/>

# Don't Let Perfect Be the Enemy of the Good

Plastic has become a constant element in our lives. It is everywhere including product packaging, cosmetic ingredients, mobile phones to name a few. It is even in the chewing gum you might be chewing on right now! Reducing the consumption of plastics requires not just a behavioural change, but also a change of our mindset. Start off with a slight change and this will lead to lifestyle changes:

- Buy more bulk foods and fewer packaged products
- When hanging out your washing used wooden clothes pegs instead of plastic ones
- Avoid using cosmetics that contain micro-plastics, buy a biodegradable brush and wear natural fabrics
- Don't drink from straws in your drinks; and
- Choose to reuse and give some of the packaging a new purpose; a bottle can be filled up as many times as you like and containers can be used to store other food.

Council's Waste Services team hope you have found this newsletter of value. You can find all our eNewsletters on Council website on this link - <https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/downloads/download/149/waste-and-recycling-newsletter>



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## Textile Waste

According to Greenpeace, the average person buys 60% more clothing and keeps them for about half as long as 15 years ago. Australians buy on average 56 new items every year, a new report has found, making Australia the second highest consumer of textiles per person in the world, after the USA. Each Australian disposes an average 23 kilograms of clothing to landfill each year and Australia has no systematic resources for the collection of unwearable clothing.

As a result, clothing waste has become one of the largest contributors to Australia's waste problem. There are now companies looking at ways to repurpose textiles to give them a new life rather than disposing of them.

- Re-UP a Victorian company turns discarded clothes into bags. If you're in the need for a new bag, check out their website here: <https://www.reupbags.com>
- RAIS Industries, based in Brisbane, are leaders in diverting textile waste from the landfill and successfully working towards a sustainable circular textile industry in Australia. So far, they have saved 99,000,000 kgs of textiles. If you are a business who sells second hand clothing and accessories visit their website to obtain a quote: <https://www.raisindustries.com>

Yeppoon's local Stir & Stitch business is holding a series of 'Weaving With Waste – Fabric Coiled Basket Making' over the next few weeks, this is a great opportunity to repurpose those no longer needed textiles you have at home.



# Greenwaste Disposal

You would not be alone if you assumed that it's easy for greenwaste to quickly breakdown in the landfill where it's buried in the earth. But it is actually very difficult! When greenwaste is compacted and buried with little oxygen, the breakdown process becomes very slow; it creates landfill gases made up of methane and carbon dioxide which are potent greenhouse gases if they end up reaching the atmosphere. When greenwaste is treated correctly it can be turned into valuable compost material and used in your gardens, parkland and local farms and developments. How can I stop my greenwaste from being buried in the earth:

1. If you only produce a small amount of greenwaste, mulching and home composting could be a solution for you. Some of our local residents have their own home mulching equipment for their shrub and tree waste. Using a compost bin at home is becoming popular in Livingstone Shire. Lawn clippings, leaves, small twigs and your kitchen fruit and vegetable scraps can be placed in your home compost bin. Watch Costa the Composter's video to start composting in your yard: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw5JVZSzMUA> Worm farms are a terrific way to compost your food waste.

2. If you have access to a vehicle, you can take your garden waste to one of Council's five waste facilities. There is a minimal fee for this disposal so ensure you have a big yard clean up at the time so you get value when disposing of your green waste. Council shreds all the greenwaste disposed at waste facilities and sells it as mulch for your garden, this being beneficial reuse of a waste product.

3. If you do not have a vehicle or the time to take your greenwaste to a waste facility you can search for a greenwaste recycling service in your area, these are private businesses who supply this service to you.

4. Plant native plants and shrubs that do not require a lot of maintenance unlike palm trees that have huge fronds that need to be disposed of. Native plants to our area will encourage and feed the bird life.

Greenwaste is not to be placed in your household kerbside bins. Council's waste contractor will not empty your bin if there is greenwaste in it.

