

Did you know?

...that you can find recycled steel, plastic and glass in:

- new bottles and jars
- glassphalt for road surfacing
- processed sand in golf courses
- bin liners and carry bags
- new plastic bottles
- garden sheds
- seed trays

the list goes on!



REDUCE and REUSE waste

On average Australians throw away around 21 million tonnes of waste per year. This includes waste from our kitchens, bathrooms, laundries and our gardens. Although we've made great improvements in our waste disposal habits over recent years, there are still lots of ways we can do more.

Some useful household tips to reduce and reuse waste:

- Reduce the amount of packaging you buy. Look for products without packaging and avoid individually wrapped portions.
- Favour products with a high recycled content.
- Buy in bulk, or choose concentrated products in reusable containers.
- Donate unwanted clothes and or household goods to charities.
- Give old magazines and books to nursing, charities, schools, hospitals etc.
- Compost your food waste to create a mulch. This will improve soil structure and texture and promote aeration which increases the soil's water-holding capacity.

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RECYCLE

recycling in your community



Where does your waste end up?

DOMESTIC

TRANSFER STATION

CAIRNS MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (PORTSMITH)

REPROCESSING FACILITIES

glass
plastic
steel & aluminium



plastic herbicide
drums (drumMUSTER)



• sorted • baled • crushed
For more information go to
www.cairns.qld.gov.au/water-waste-roads/waste

oils
tyres
batteries



cars & white goods



• crushed and baled



• recycled plastic, steel,
glass and oil

concrete



• crushed and used
by Council

green waste



• mulched for sale to
the public

other waste

e.g. furniture,
toys, books



• sorted and taken to
charity if in good order

Our general waste from
the kerbside collection is taken to
the Advanced Resource Recovery
Facility at Portsmith and
processed into compost.