

Gympie Regional Council

Waste and Recycling Guide



Waste Collection Guidelines



Ensure your bin is not overflowing and the lid can close securely.

Put your bin on the kerb before 6am on bin collection day.

Bin collection times vary every week.



Don't overload your bin as it cannot be lifted by the garbage truck arm.

Don't park in front of the bin, and make sure access to your bin is clear.



Contact Us

Make changes to your household waste and recycling service.

Report a missed service, damaged or missing bin.

Do you want an extra waste or recycling bin?

Need to decrease or increase your waste bin size?



App

Waste Wise App Gympie



Phone

1300 307 800



Web

[gympie.qld.gov.au/
water-waste/waste-disposal](http://gympie.qld.gov.au/water-waste/waste-disposal)



What goes in the Recycling Bin



Aluminium, steel and empty aerosol cans



Plastic containers and bottles



Paper and cardboard



Glass jars and bottles



Cartons



Keep these out of your recycling bin



Plastic bags

Bubble wrap

Plastic film

Chip and lolly wrappers

Soft plastics

Batteries

Food waste

Coffee cups

Garden waste

Polystyrene

Soiled paper and cardboard

Waxed cardboard

Receipts (thermal paper)

Tissues, napkins and paper towel

Pyrex, mirrors and ceramics

Broken glass and light bulbs

Crockery

Plastic plant pots

Paint and oil

Gas cylinders

Nappies

Toys

Clothing and textiles

Recycling tips

- Use the Australasian Recycling Label (**ARL**) as a guide.



- **Keep it clean:** Rinse containers and bottles.
- **Keep it loose:** Don't bag your recycling.
- **Size matters:** Don't recycle anything smaller than the palm of your hand.
- **Remove lids:** If smaller than your palm, place it in waste bin. If larger than your palm, place it in recycling bin.
- **Scrunch:** Clean and unsoiled aluminium foil can be recycled if it's scrunched into a ball the size of your fist.
- **Flatten:** Please ensure all cardboard boxes are flattened before going into the recycling bin.

What goes in the Waste Bin



Food waste



Plastic bags



Polystyrene



Soft plastics and wrapping



Soiled paper and cardboard



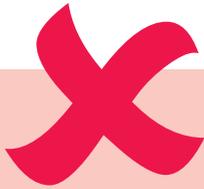
Pyrex, mirrors, ceramics and broken glass



Nappies



Keep these out of your waste bin



Batteries

Electronics

Oils

Paints

Building and demolition waste

Fluorescent tubes and globes

Gas cylinders

Car parts

Chemicals and pesticides

Sharps or medical waste

Recyclables

Smoke detectors

Heavy/bulky items

Appliances

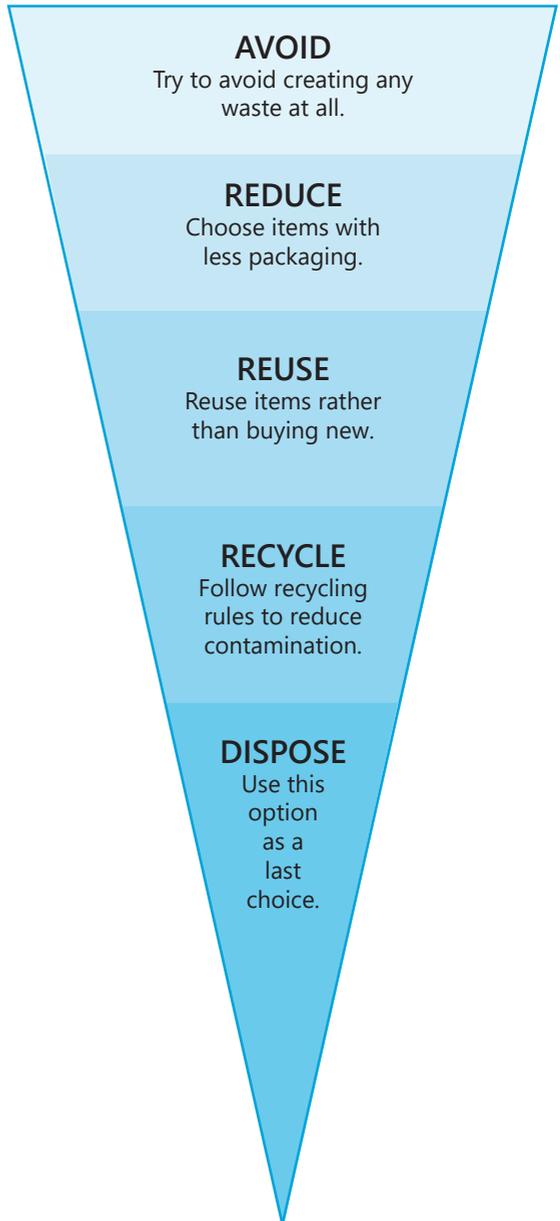
Tree stumps

Sand, gravel or concrete

Fire extinguishers

Many of these items can be taken to a waste management facility - see next page for more details

Use the waste hierarchy



Waste management facilities

Gympie Regional Council's main waste management facility is at Bonnick Road, Gympie. There are waste transfer stations in Goomeri, Gunalda, Kilkivan, Mary Valley, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay and Widgee. Check the council website for opening hours.



	Household waste	Asbestos - Gympie only (call ahead to schedule a drop-off time)	Scrap metal (including white goods)
	Bulky household items	Paint	Car batteries
	Green waste	Solar panels	Commercial waste - Gympie only
	Timber	Mattresses	Chemicals
	Electrical appliances	Tyres	Polystyrene (clean with no tape or stickers)
	Electronic waste	Waste motor oil	Fire extinguishers
	Cardboard	Fluorescent light bulbs	
	Household recyclables	LPG cylinders	
	Furniture		

	Cooking oil	Car bodies and parts containing automotive liquids	Commercial quantities of engine oil
	Contaminated oil		EPIRBs (take to Enirgi Batteries)
	Liquid waste		
	Flares (return to Coast Guard)		

Other waste disposal options



Safe Sharps Disposal - Please ensure sharps or needles are correctly stored inside a hazardous waste container. Drop off locations include:

- Any pharmacy participating in the Queensland Needle and Syringe Program.
- The sharps disposal unit located at the entrance to the Gympie Hospital.



Containers for Change - Collect eligible containers for 10c and drop off at refund point or schedule at home collection service. containersforchange.com.au/qld



Battery Drop Off Locations - Aldi, Woolworths, Mitre 10, Bunnings and waste management facilities. Disposing of batteries in your waste or recycling bin is not safe as they are flammable and cause fires in bins or garbage trucks and create a hazard for truck drivers and the community.



Mobile Phone Recycling - Recycle all brands of mobile phones, their chargers and accessories.

Find your nearest drop off location: mobilemuster.com.au/recycle-a-mobile/, or drop off at your local Woolworths or any waste management facility.