

# Recycling

## Let's Talk Trash — and How to Make It Treasure!

Recycling isn't just about tossing things into the right bin — it's your chance to make a real difference for our planet, starting right here in Queensland! From giving old items new life to cutting down on waste and pollution, recycling helps keep our communities clean, green, and gorgeous. Whether you're a seasoned eco-warrior or just starting out, there's a fun and easy way for everyone to get involved.

**Let's team up and Keep Queensland Beautiful — one recycled item at a time!**

### Recycling: Small Actions, Big Impact!

Recycling is one of the easiest and most powerful ways we can all help protect our environment and keep Queensland beautiful. Whether you're 8 or 80, everyone can play a part!

By sorting our waste, reusing what we can, and giving old items a second life, we reduce landfill, save energy, and help our amazing wildlife and landscapes thrive.

It's simple. It's satisfying. And together, we can make a **BIG** difference.

### Wondering Where to Recycle? We've Got You Covered!

Not sure where to take your bottles, batteries, or busted electronics? You've got plenty of options:

- [Recycling Near You](#) — Pop in your postcode to find local drop-off points for everything from soft plastics to mattresses.
- [Local Council Websites](#) — Check for kerbside recycling guidelines, hard waste collections, and community recycling events.
- [TerraCycle](#) — A great option for recycling hard-to-recycle items like toothpaste tubes, razors, pens, and beauty packaging.

You'll be amazed at how much you can recycle once you know where to go!

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## Got Used Batteries? Recycle Them the Right Way!

Old batteries don't belong in the bin — they contain toxic materials that can harm the environment.

[B-cycle](#) makes battery recycling easy! Drop off your used batteries safely at:

- Woolworths
- Coles
- Aldi
- Bunnings
- Or search for your nearest Resource Recovery Centre.



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This small step keeps harmful materials out of landfill and helps

## Recycling Myths — Busted!

Let's clear up some common recycling myths:

- **Myth:** You can't recycle pizza boxes.  
**Fact:** As long as there's no stuck-on food, they're good to go!
- **Myth:** Rinse recyclables like you're washing dishes.  
**Fact:** A quick rinse is enough — no scrubbing needed.
- **Myth:** Soft plastics go in the yellow bin.  
**Fact:** They must go to special collection points (check your local supermarket or council programs — many are relaunching!).
- **Myth:** If unsure, recycle it anyway.  
**Fact:** "Wishcycling" can contaminate good recycling streams. When in doubt, check it out!

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## Queensland Recycling Programs Worth Knowing

Here are some fantastic local initiatives making a real difference:

- [Containers for Change](#) — Earn 10c per eligible bottle or can! Great for fundraising too.
- [Boomerang Alliance](#) — Advocating for plastic-free communities across Queensland.
- [Planet Ark's National Recycling Week](#) — Get involved every November through schools, councils, and businesses.
- [Recycle Mate App](#) — Scan an item to instantly find out how to recycle it. Super smart and handy!
- [RecycleSmart](#) — Book a doorstep collection for tricky recyclables (in participating areas)

## Recycling Quick Tips

- **Check Labels**  
Look for recycling symbols and follow your local council's rules.
- **Quick Rinse, Not a Deep Clean**  
Give recyclables a fast rinse — no need for scrubbing!
- **Flatten Boxes**  
Save space in your bin and make recycling easier.
- **No “Wishcycling”**  
Unsure if it's recyclable? Double-check before you toss it in.
- **Separate Soft Plastics**  
Soft plastics don't go in your yellow bin — take them to special collection points instead.
- **Recycle Batteries Safely**  
Use drop-off points at Woolworths, Coles, Bunnings, and Aldi — or check out [B-cycle](#).
- **Stay Updated**  
Council guidelines change! Check regularly for the latest recycling info.

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## What **Not** to Recycle – Quick Reminders!

- Broken glass or mirrors
- Dirty pizza boxes or food containers
- Soft plastics (unless at a special collection point)
- Textiles/clothing (unless through specific programs)
- Electronics in household bins (take to e-waste collections)

**When in doubt, check it out!** Proper sorting = better recycling outcomes for Queensland

## 5 Fun Recycling Facts You'll Love!

A little recycling goes a long way:

-  Recycling **one aluminium can** saves enough energy to run a TV for **three hours!**
-  **Glass** can be recycled **endlessly** without losing quality.
-  Recycling **one tonne of paper** saves **13 trees** and enough energy to power a home for **6 months.**
-  **Steel** is the most recycled material in the world — and it's 100% recyclable forever.
-  Queenslanders recycle about **56%** of household waste — **and we're aiming even higher!**

**Small changes = huge impact.**

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## Easy DIY Recycling Projects You Can Try!

Before tossing it, why not upcycle it?

- **Glass jars** → Perfect for pantry storage or DIY candles
- **Cardboard rolls** → Ideal for starting seedlings for your garden
- **Old T-shirts** → Cut into reusable cleaning cloths
- **Cereal boxes** → Turn into desk organisers or gift boxes

*Practical, sustainable, and a little bit fun!*

## How Recycling Helps Queensland

Every bottle, can, and newspaper you recycle makes a difference:

- **Protects Wildlife:** Reduces waste that harms turtles, koalas, and seabirds.
- **Preserves Natural Beauty:** Keeps places like the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest, and Moreton Bay pristine.
- **Supports Local Jobs:** Builds Queensland's green economy through recycling and resource recovery.

**Together, we're building a cleaner, greener Queensland — one smart choice at a time!**

## Final Word

Recycling doesn't have to be confusing or boring — and it definitely doesn't need to be perfect. Every smart choice we make adds up to a cleaner, greener Queensland.

**Sort it. Drop it. Reuse it. Spread the word.**

Together, we can Keep Queensland Beautiful — one bottle cap, banana peel, and battery at a time!