

City of Sydney residents generate around 65,000 tonnes of waste each year. In 2018, 67% of this waste was diverted from landfill, with the City committed to increasing this to 90% by 2030.

Most City of Sydney residents live in apartment buildings, so how your strata community looks after your building's waste and recycling can make a real difference.

Reducing, reusing and recycling resources is vital to achieve a greener, more liveable city.



We can all be waste wise



Becoming waste wise



Setting your building up for success

Residents are more likely to recycle in clean, well-organised bin and chute rooms.

This can also reduce cleaning and maintenance costs.

To maximise your building's waste and recycling infrastructure:

- Ensure the space is well-lit, tidy and odour-free.
- Check that bins are in good condition, that they are not cracked or broken, and that their wheels are working properly.
- Make sure bin lid colours are correct (red – Rubbish, yellow – Recycling) and that bins are grouped with others of the same colour.
- Label bins correctly using the City's stickers for general waste and recycling bins.

Strata and building managers can call the City of Sydney on 02 9265 9333 to organise replacement bins for your building, find out about a garden organics service, and report missed bin collections. You can also discuss other waste and recycling service issues.



Using the City's Services

On-site services

We come to you

The City's services and tools help residents in your building to dispose of waste correctly and recycle right.

Red lid bins – Rubbish

These should be used as a **last resort** for items that cannot be reused, recycled or composted.



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Yellow lid bins – Recycled

Recycle plastic, glass and aluminium containers, paper, cardboard and packaging in City-provided recycling bins. Make sure all packaging is empty and dry.

Please remove recycling from plastic bags
(they contaminate recycling and jam machinery at the recycling centre).



Other waste services and collections

The City offers a range of services to ensure that some items which cannot go in the recycling bin are still recycled or disposed of correctly.

Your building's bulky items can be picked up for free, with mattresses, whitegoods and metal parts getting recycled. Bookings are essential. **Book online** or call us on 02 9265 9333.

Also let your building's residents know that dumping items on the street is illegal and fines apply.

What to do with those tricky waste items

Batteries, mobile phones and light bulbs

- Batteries
- Mobile phones, chargers and accessories
- Light bulbs, compact fluorescent, halogens and LEDs

DROP OFF ANY TIME

Customer Service Centres:

- Town Hall House
- Redfern
- Glebe
- Kings Cross

Libraries:

- Sunny Hills
- Customs House
- Newtown
- Waterloo
- Ultima
- Haymarket

Bulky household waste

- Furniture
- Mats and small rugs (1 m or less. No carpets please)
- Bundled and tied garden waste
- Mattresses
- Appliances - vacuum cleaners and kitchen
- Barbecues (with both wooden and metal parts)
- Whitegoods

CONTACT YOUR BUILDING MANAGER

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Electronic items

- Televisions
- Computers, laptops and equipment
- Office equipment - photocopiers, fax and scanners
- Electronic games, cds, dvds, tapes
- Power tools
- Entertainment equipment - DVD players, projectors, video recorders, game consoles and cameras
- Small household appliances - vacuum cleaners, microwaves, stereos, and fans

(No gas-powered items please!)

DROP OFF ON E-WASTE DAY

Find out the next e-waste day is visit cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/e

Household chemicals

- Solvents and household cleaners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Paints
- Pool chemicals
- Motor fuels
- Fluorescent globes and tubes
- Acids and alkalis
- Smoke detectors
- Paint and paint-related products
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Car and household batteries
- Motor oils and cooking oils

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These items don't belong in your bin.

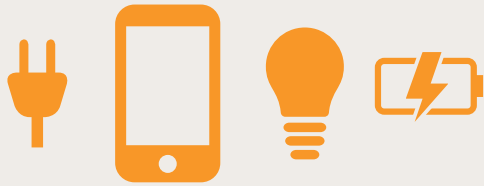
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Display the poster on the next page in your building to help residents.

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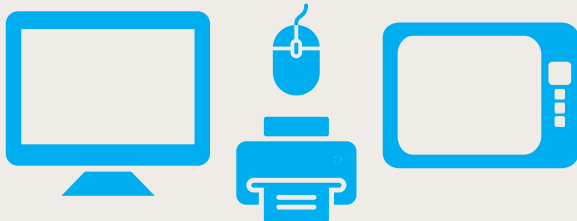


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Diverting other resources from landfill

How you can do more

Go beyond the options provided by the City of Sydney with these great initiatives.

2,500

tonnes of textiles are thrown away yearly



Textile recycling

See if your building has room for a charity clothing bin.

Many charities collect unwanted clothing and other textiles free of charge. These are sold to raise funds. Contact your local charity or visit [recyclingnearyou](#).

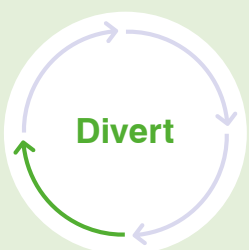


Soft plastics

Plastic materials take hundreds of years to break down in landfill, in fact all plastic that has ever been created is still in existence.

Soft plastics include items such as bread bags, pasta and rice packaging and plastic bags.

Whilst avoiding these materials in the first place is the best option, you can ensure that they do not end up in landfill. Your building can set up a collection point for these items and drop them into the **REDcycle** at your local Woolworths or Coles. They turn plastics into new products like outdoor furniture.



How you can
do more

35% of an average household's rubbish bin's content is food waste.



Reducing food waste can make a real difference to our environment.

Avoid

Love Food Hate Waste is full of ideas to help residents be food smart by planning their meals, shopping with a list, and using leftovers. You can find more tips to share with your building [here](#).

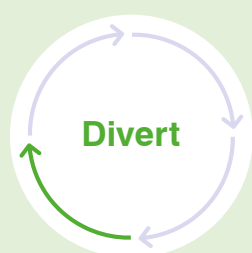
Compost

Encourage residents with balcony areas that receive sufficient shade to try their hand at worm farming.

The City runs **worm-farming workshops** and you can also obtain worm farms from **Compost Revolution**.

No space for compost bins or worm farms?

All residents can use **ShareWaste**, a service which connects people wanting to recycle their kitchen scraps with their neighbours who already compost, worm-farm or keep chickens.



How you can do more



Tricky household items

Other services such as **TerraCycle** help residents recycle items such as bathroom product containers, coffee pods and mail sachets.

MobileMuster wants all those old phones you have rattling round in drawers at home.

Planet Ark's **RecyclingNearYou** also has other useful options for increasing recycling in your building.

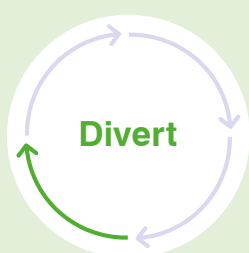


Usable furniture

Remind your residents of local services that re-home furniture and other household items.

- The **Bower** offer a collection service, drop off centre and workshops to restore furniture items
- You can also donate furniture or whitegoods to **Pymont Cares** who will pass these on to those in need

If your furniture is no longer in usable condition remember your building manager can book a **City of Sydney bulky waste collection**.



Summit Apartments

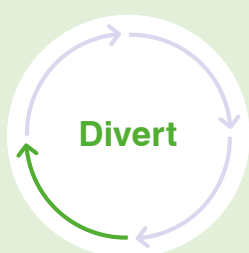
To encourage increased recycling, new residents are given a tour of the facilities and provided an explanation of the building's recycling systems.

Summit also has an on-site charity collection bin.

Over 100kg per week of textiles and clothing is collected that may otherwise have gone to landfill.



Over 100kgs diverted weekly.



Bauhaus Apartments

A key challenge for many apartments is a lack of space, making it difficult to find extra room for additional recycling facilities.

Bauhaus Apartments overcame this issue by establishing a recycling depot in a car space purchased specifically for that purpose by the owners corporation.

They now separate batteries, light globes, mobile phones, electronic waste and clothing, and divert large volumes of waste from landfill weekly.



“Building improvements such as the recycling depot lead to lower maintenance costs and improved amenity for residents.”

Gordon Streight, Strata Committee Chair

Engaging your residents

The apartment buildings leading in waste avoidance, reuse and recycling regularly engage residents about their building's waste and recycling services.

Here are some tips to help you educate and empower your residents.

1 Provide new residents with recycling information in a welcome pack.

This pack could include:

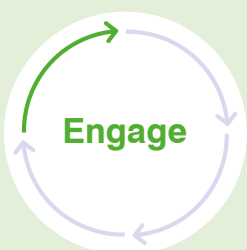
- Where to find waste and recycling bins, and other facilities such as charity clothing bins.
- Information on the waste streams that can be recycled.
- How to use your chute system correctly.
- How to book in a bulky waste pick up service and where to leave these items.
- A link to the City of Sydney waste and recycling pages.

2 Take new residents on a tour of the building's waste and recycling facilities.

3 Promote the City's Garbage Guru to residents through your community newsletter. This online service can answer questions on how to recycle and dispose of things correctly.

4 Communicate with your residents about recycling via social media or through your building's newsletter.

5 Sign up to our Sustainable Apartments newsletter.





For further information and resources,
visit: smartgreenapartments.com.au

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