

KEEP A LID ON CONTAMINANTS

Levels of non-recyclable 'contaminants' in Latrobe City have increased dramatically over the past 18 months.

Contamination occurs when incorrect items are placed in recycling or green waste bins.

Plastic bags are by far the most common offenders. It is a form of pollution and an offence under Local Laws to place plastic bags in recycling bins.

If your bin is found to be contaminated, it will be stickered and you'll be sent a letter requiring you to remove the incorrect items before it can be emptied. You could even be fined.

Even a small amount of contamination placed into the wrong bin - such as syringes or ammunition - can mean an entire truck load of recyclables is rejected, which is a terrible waste.



Recycling contamination means more than 1000 tonnes of extra material is unnecessarily sent to landfill every year!

LATROBE CITY'S 'TOP FIVE' CONTAMINANTS:

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| Plastic Bags | Nappies | Bedding |
| A plastic bag full of cans or bottles will be discarded straight to landfill. Always EMPTY your recyclables as loose items. | Dirty nappies are a health risk, and force our recycling plant offline every day. ALWAYS bag it and bin it. | We all go through doonas, pillows and mattresses, but that's no excuse to stuff them in the bigger bin. Put them to rest under the red lid. |
|  |  | NOT IN ANY BIN! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asbestos, building or trade waste Toxic chemical or medical waste Oils, solvents or paints Hot ashes Engine or car parts Soil or mulch Liquids of any kind |
| Syringes | Food Waste | |
| These nasties should NEVER go into the yellow bin. They put our recycling staff at risk. For information about safe disposal call 5136 5400 | NEVER put food scraps in your recycle bin. Start a compost bin or wormfarm, or place in your garbage bin. | These items are harmful and must not go into any of your bins! |

DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN!

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| Children's Toys | CD's and VHS Tapes | Building Rubble | Polystyrene Foam | Plastic Film / Bubble Wrap |
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| Garden Hoses | Dead Animals | Electrical Cords | Clothing | Electrical Items |
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| Plastic Containers with Residual | Garden Prunings | Shoes | Clothes Baskets | Tarps |
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| Car Parts | Used Engine Oil | Tyres | Toilet Seats | Tool Boxes |