

Colac Otway Shire

# COLLECTION SERVICE



Colac Otway  
SHIRE



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# RECYCLING BIN

Your **yellow lid** recycling bin  
– collected fortnightly

**don't bag it - keep it loose**



**NO plastic bags  
or polystyrene**



## Too much recycling?

- Apply to upgrade your bin to a 360 litre.
- Apply for a second recycling bin (annual charges apply).

## Recycling bin too big?

- Apply for a 120 litre recycling bin (this option may suit people with a small household or who find the 240 recycling bin too awkward to handle).

## Which plastics can I recycle?

- If the plastic item will hold its own shape it can be recycled in your yellow lid bin.
- Pane glass, pyrex and ceramics cannot be recycled in your recycle bin as they contaminate other glasses and make them unusable.



**Did you know you may  
be able to change the size  
of your recycling bin?**



## ✓ GLASS



## ✓ Longlife Milk & Juice Cartons



- No plastic bags - keep recycling loose
- Empty all containers - scrape clean
- No food scraps
- No clothing or footwear
- No garden waste
- No liquids
- Flatten boxes

## ✓ METAL



## ✓ PLASTIC - Rigid Only



## ✓ PAPER



## ✓ CARDBOARD



# ORGANICS BIN

Your **green lid** organics bin  
– collected fortnightly alternate week to recyclables

**NO** plastic bags  
or polystyrene



**If you already compost at home continue to do so!**

Many people find that the green lid bin allows them to compost a greater variety of food organics (e.g. egg shells, meat, bones) that are sometimes difficult to home compost.

**Place only the following items in your green lid organics bin**

- Food scraps – fruit and vegies.
- Food scraps – meat, seafood and chicken.
- Flowers, weeds, leaves and grass clippings.
- Prunings, twigs and small branches up to 100mm diameter.
- Bones.
- Tea leaves and coffee grinds (not coffee capsules).

## Tips

- Freeze meat and seafood scraps until bin collection day, then place in your green lid bin.
- If you line the bottom of your bin with leaves, lawn clippings will not stick to the bottom.
- Keep in a shady place.
- Small quantities of paper can be used to wrap food waste.
- Excessive paper in your organics bin causes environmental issues at the sorting facility and bins may be rejected.
- When weeding, shake soil from roots prior to placing in bin, as soil is heavy.

# KITCHEN CADDY BIN PROGRAM

## The kitchen caddy program is

- Sponsored by Sustainability Victoria to promote food to compost rather than landfill.
- Victorian household garbage bins contain up to 40% organic matter.
- Use your caddy for collecting food scraps in your kitchen.
- Empty it into your organics bin, compost, worm farm or chook pen.
- Line with deli paper or a piece of hand towel, so items don't get stuck.
- Organic material from your organics bin goes to a commercial compost facility to be composted and sold to commercial businesses and farms.
- Food in landfill increases the cost of waste disposal for our community.



New kitchen caddy for your organics



Place your food scraps in your new kitchen caddy



Empty your kitchen food scraps into your organics bin



Do not place your kitchen caddy out for collection

**DON'T** put your kitchen caddy out for collection with your kerbside bins

# ORGANIC CIRCLE OF LIFE





# BINS



No soil or building material should be placed in any kerbside bin

## Place your bins out the night before collection

- Ensure you place the right material in the right bin
  - Green organics and food scraps in your green lid organics bin
  - Commingled recycling in your yellow lid recycling bin
  - Household garbage in your red lid bin.
- Place your bin close to, and facing the kerb, with the bin's wheels facing the house.
- Ensure that there is HALF-A-METRE clearance between each bin.
- Ensure your bin is not placed under a tree or other overhead obstructions and is at least one metre away from power poles, street signs or other objects that may hinder pick up.





# BINS



## Why wasn't my bin collected?

### Reasons your bin might NOT be collected

- Are you using an old bin? Only bins stamped 'property of Colac Otway Shire' will be collected.
- Contains incorrect material – e.g. household garbage in recycling or organics bin.
  - You will need to re-sort and place out for collection on the next collection date.
- Bin was placed out after collection. Drivers have a full day of collection so coming back for your bin may result in them not being able to finish the scheduled collections.
- Bin should be no heavier than 80 kg. If you have trouble moving it, trucks have trouble lifting it.
- Overfilled bins may not be collected by the contractor –
  - they cause spillage on the roadway as lifted
  - become overweight due to rain entry
  - cause spillage due to animals pulling at the waste.
- Do not place extra items next to the bin as these cannot be collected.



# RECYCLING OPTIONS DID YOU KNOW?



- Items that should not be in your organics or recycling bins have to be removed by hand at the sorting facility before the loads can be composted or recycled.
- Plastic bags – some supermarkets provide recycling bins for plastic bags. Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling. Check your local supermarket.
- Excess household commingled recycling can be dropped at any Council run transfer station for free.
- Unwanted farm chemicals, to arrange disposal contact Chemclear on 1800 008 182 or register online at [chemclear.com.au](http://chemclear.com.au)
- Dispose of your old mobile phone at your local mobile phone supplier or at any Council customer service centre. Collect a reply paid satchel at Australia Post or go online for a free mailing label to post your phone yourself, visit [www.mobilemuster.com.au](http://www.mobilemuster.com.au)
- Your unwanted medicine can be returned to your local pharmacy for disposal.
- Drums that contained farm chemicals should be triple rinsed and dropped off for no charge at the Alvie Transfer Station [www.drummuster.com.au](http://www.drummuster.com.au)
- Your local scrap metal merchant takes a range of items for recycling:
  - whitegoods (fridges, washing machines, stoves etc)
  - cars
  - general scrap metal (taps, sinks, metal baths etc)
  - car batteries
  - NO gas bottles
- Household printer toners can be recycled at Colac Otway Shire Council customer service centres or Australia Post.
- Have a garage sale. You can earn extra cash and find a new home for your unwanted or unused goods. Check out Garage Sale Trail to be held in October [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)
- Get it sorted – by taking a little extra time prior to going to a transfer station to sort your load into recycling, organic, scrap metal and garbage, you can save money. Unsorted loads get charged the maximum fee.

**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**



# Free household chemical collection at Colac's Detox your Home



Detox your Home is a **safe, FREE and easy-to-use** service to dispose of common household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

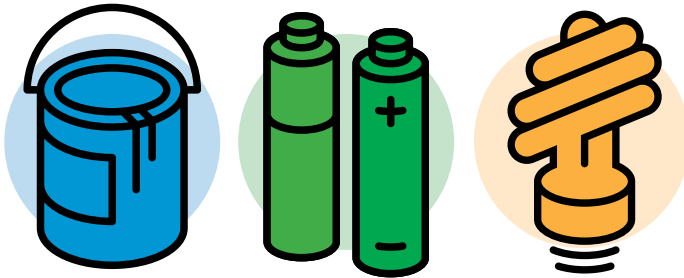
Do the right thing for your loved ones and your environment and Detox your Home.

Simply turn up on the day with your unwanted items and we'll do the rest.

Decanting not permitted.  
Only containers less than 20 litres accepted.

Colac collection to be held at the Colac Regional Saleyards, 55 Colac Ballarat Road, Colac East in October each year.  
Date to be confirmed.

# FREE disposal of household paint, batteries and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)



Household paint, batteries and CFLs can be disposed of all year round at a permanent drop-off site. These items are not accepted at Detox your Home mobile collections.

Collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

**New Permanent Site:  
Western Waste Management  
11-27 Marriner St, Colac East**

👉 [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

Or call:

📞 1300 363 744

Turn over to find out how to dispose of highly toxic household chemicals.

