


Your guide to residential recycling and waste services



For further information visit

 www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Waste-and-recycling
or call our Customer Services staff 5471 1700.

Recycling bin (fortnightly)



NO plastic bags, wrap or packaging



NO syringes



NO food waste



NO clothing and shoes



NO polystyrene or foam trays



NO household garbage



NO garden clippings



NO broken glass, mirrors or ceramics



NO light globes



NO nappies



NO gas bottles



YES steel cans including aerosol cans, aluminium cans, aluminium foil and pie trays



YES milk, juice and egg cartons. (NO long-life cartons i.e. Tetra Pak, UHT, aseptic packaging)



YES cardboard boxes, cereal and food boxes



YES telephone books, school and office papers, envelopes, junk mail, flyers and brochures, newspapers and magazines



YES glass bottles and jars (including lids)



YES rigid plastic containers and bottles generally those from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry

Your bin with the yellow lid is for all recyclables and is collected fortnightly.

Correct bin placement

Please place your bin near the kerbside with the wheels facing away from the kerb. Keep at least half a metre space between bins and other objects. Your recycling bin should not be placed outside the property boundary except within 24 hours either side of the day of collection.

Please prevent street litter

Ensure your bin is not overflowing and the bin lid is properly closed so its contents cannot fall out. Excess recyclables placed beside your bin will not be collected. A free drop-off service for quantities of recyclables (with the exception of cardboard) is available at the Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations.



Items must be loose - no plastic bags

Rubbish bin (weekly)



NO garden and grass clippings



NO syringes



NO gas bottles



NO paint or solvents



NO bricks, rubble, timber or tiles



NO pesticides, oils or chemicals



NO recyclables



YES household rubbish



YES food waste, meat, fish, poultry, scraps and bones



YES nappies (wrapped)



YES polystyrene or foam trays



YES long-life cartons
i.e. Tetra Pak, UHT, aseptic packaging



YES broken glassware and crockery



YES broken mirrors, incandescent light bulbs and glass

Your bin with the green or red lid is for all general household rubbish that you have identified as non recyclable. Your rubbish bin is collected weekly.

Bins will not be collected if rubbish is overflowing; your bin weighs more than 60kg or contains any of the following: hot ashes, tree stumps, liquids such as oil or paint, large pieces of metal or stone and building material. Rubbish left beside your bin will not be collected.

Correct bin placement

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Please prevent street litter

Ensure your bin is not overflowing and the bin lid is properly closed so its contents cannot fall out. Excess rubbish placed beside your bin will not be collected.

Downsize your rubbish bin and save

Residents can significantly reduce their rubbish collection charges by downsizing to an 80 litre rubbish bin.

How do I down size?

To change your rubbish bin size please [lodge a service request online](#) or call our Customer Services staff on 5471 1700.



Green waste and composting at home

Did you know?

Each year, Victorians throw out enough food waste to fill the MCG three times!

Reusing your food waste by making compost or worm juice not only reduces the amount of waste you send to landfill, it also makes great food for your garden!

Composting

Composting is an efficient and environmentally friendly way to reduce the amount of waste you put into your rubbish bin. Composting has many benefits - it greatly improves the health and fertility of soil including its ability to retain moisture, saves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas (methane) from rotting waste in landfills.

Composting also reduces the cost of rubbish disposal. It is nature's own way of recycling!

Visit www.yimbycompost.com for more information on composting at home.



Worm farms

A worm farm is a fun and easy way to recycle, with the added bonus of creating a valuable fertilizer for your garden. Worm farms are a particularly good way of recycling food scraps and can be purchased from most hardware stores.



Green waste

You can take garden prunings and grass clippings to the Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations. (Please note that plant material that is classified as an Environmental Weed by the Department of Primary Industries will not be accepted as green waste and will be charged at the higher general waste rate.)

Reduce
your waste
and help fight
climate
change



Council's waste management facilities

Bulky Items

Items that can not be disposed of in your kerbside waste or recycling bin, including furniture, household appliances and car parts can be taken to Council's waste transfer stations. Council does not provide a hard waste collection service.



YES furniture



YES white goods



YES bricks, rubble, timber or tiles



YES car parts



YES household appliances



YES tyres

E-waste

E-waste is discarded, obsolete or broken electronic or electrical equipment. It can pose a significant risk to people and the environment if not dealt with appropriately. E-waste is a valuable resource that should be recycled.

You can take e-waste to the Castlemaine or Maldon Transfer Stations. A small fee applies.

Council runs two waste transfer stations where you can dispose of green waste, hard waste and e-waste.

Castlemaine Transfer Station

Sluicers Road, Castlemaine

Open: Monday to Friday
10.00am to 4.00pm
Saturday and Sunday
10.00am to 5.00pm

Maldon Transfer Station

Morris Street, Maldon

Open: Wednesday and Friday
9.30am to 1.00pm
Saturday and Sunday
9.00am to 1.00pm

The Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Station are closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. They will also be closed on days of total fire ban and days classified as Code Red or Extreme.

Take your waste to the right place



Chemicals, phones, light bulbs and more

Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations



NO: Household chemicals such as weed killer, fly spray and bathroom cleaner.

These can be disposed of at Sustainability Victoria's mobile Detox Your Home Service.

You can find more information by visiting www.sustainability.vic.gov.au



YES Motor oil



YES Automotive batteries



YES Household batteries



YES Barbeque gas bottles



YES Paint (dry only)



YES Compact fluorescent lights and tubes



YES drumMUSTER labelled containers accepted. Must be washed clean of chemical and subject to inspection upon entry

A-Z guide to waste and recycling

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Aerosol cans (empty):	Recycling bin
Aluminium cans:	Recycling bin
Aluminium foil & foil trays:	Recycling bin
Animal droppings (bagged):	Rubbish bin
Asbestos:	Castlemaine Transfer Station

B

Band aids:	Rubbish bin
Batteries (Household):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
(All types):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Bicycles:	Donate to charity or Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Books:	Donate to charity or Recycling bin
Branches & prunings:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Bottles (glass, plastic):	Recycling bin
Bottle tops (plastic, metal):	Recycling bin
Bricks & rubble:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Building waste:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations

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Cans (steel, tin and aluminum):	Recycling bin
Car parts:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Carpet:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Cartridges (printer):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Cardboard:	Recycling bin
CDs & DVDs:	Rubbish bin
Ceramics:	Rubbish bin
Chemicals (pool, garden & household):	Detox Your Home Program
Cling wrap:	Rubbish bin
Clothing & textiles:	Donate to charity or Rubbish bin
Computers & computer parts:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Concrete:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Corks:	Rubbish bin

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Detergents:	Detox Your Home Program
Detergent bottles (empty):	Recycling bin

E

Egg cartons:	Recycling bin
Electronic waste:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Electrical appliances:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Eyewear (glasses):	Donate to charity

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Fire extinguishers:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Foam boxes:	Rubbish bin
Food & vegetable scraps:	Compost/Green waste or Rubbish bin
Fuels:	Detox Your Home Program
Furniture:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations

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Gas bottles/cylinders:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Garden tools & equipment:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Glass (broken window or drinking - wrapped):	Rubbish bin
Grass clippings:	Compost/Green waste
Greeting cards:	Recycling bin

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Hot water units:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Hose:	Rubbish bin
Household chemicals:	Detox Your Home Program
Household cleaners & solvents	Detox Your Home Program
Hypodermic needles:	Contact Council

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Junk mail:	Recycling bin
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Kitty litter (animal waste):	Rubbish bin
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Lawn mowers:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Leaves:	Compost/Green waste
Light globes (incandescent-wrapped):	Rubbish bin
Light globes (compact fluorescent & fluorescent tubes):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Lolly wrappers:	Rubbish bin

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Magazines:	Donate to charity or Recycling bin
Manure & animal droppings (bagged):	Rubbish bin
Margarine containers:	Recycling bin
Medicine bottles (empty & clean)	Recycling bin
Medicines:	Detox Your Home Program
Mattresses:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Meat trays (foam):	Rubbish bin
Microwaves:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Milk containers (glass, plastic & cartons):	Recycling bin
Mirrors (broken & wrapped):	Rubbish bin
Mobile phones:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations

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Nappies (disposable):	Rubbish bin
Needles:	Contact Council
Newspapers:	Recycling bin
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Office paper:	Recycling bin
Oil (engine):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Oil (cooking):	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
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Paint/Paint tins:	Detox Your Home Program
Paper towel:	Compost/Green waste or Rubbish bin
Plant pots:	Recycling bin
Plastic containers (rigid):	Recycling bin
Plastic shopping bags:	Return to supermarket for recycling or Rubbish bin
Plastic toys:	Donate to charity or Rubbish bin
Plastic wraps & films:	Rubbish bin
Pizza boxes:	Recycling bin
Polystyrene:	Rubbish bin
Pottery, porcelain and pyrex (broken):	Rubbish bin
Pots & pans:	Donate to charity or Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Poisons, pesticides & herbicides:	Detox Your Home Program
Printer cartridges:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
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Refrigerators:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
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Scrap metals:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations

Shoes:	Donate to charity or Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Smoke alarms:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Spectacles:	Donate to charity
Steel cans:	Recycling bin
Styrofoam:	Rubbish bin
Syringes/sharps:	Contact Council
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Tea bags:	Compost/Green waste or Rubbish bin
Telephone books:	Recycling bin
Televisions:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Timber:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Tin cans (clean):	Recycling bin
Tissues & napkins:	Rubbish bin
Toner cartridges:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Toys:	Donate to charity
Tyres:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
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Vacuum cleaner dust:	Compost/Green waste or Rubbish bin
Vegetable scraps:	Compost/Green waste or Rubbish bin
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Washing machines:	Castlemaine and Maldon Transfer Stations
Waxed cardboard (not Long-life containers i.e Tetra Pak):	Recycling bin
Window glass (broken & wrapped):	Rubbish bin
Wine bottles:	Recycling bin
Wrapping paper:	Recycling bin

Help us to empty your bins!

Your rubbish and recycling bins are picked up by a single operator collection vehicle with a mechanical lifting arm. The driver operates the mechanical arm from inside the truck and will not leave the truck cabin.

Your bins will be emptied if you:

- ✓ place them at least half a metre apart on the kerbside
- ✓ make sure the wheels are facing your property
- ✓ place your bins on the kerbside the night before your collection day

For residents in rural areas, please place your bins one metre off the formed road, well clear of the traffic. **For residents who live in courts**, please take your bins to the nearest straight part of the road, where they are easily accessed by the collection vehicle.

Missing or damaged bins?

Rubbish and recycling bins remain the property of Mount Alexander Shire Council and should not be removed from the property. If your bin is missed or damaged, please [lodge a service request online](#) or call our Customer Services staff on 5471 1700.

Not sure of your collection days?

Council's Collection Calendar is a useful reminder to keep track of rubbish and recycling collection days. It can be downloaded from Council's website.