

Options for more bin space

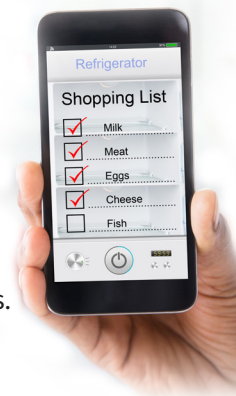


In Lake Mac the average garbage bin is half-full each fortnight. Many bins still contain recyclable material that can go in the yellow or green waste bin.



AVOID, REDUCE AND REUSE

- Do a quick pantry stocktake and make a shopping list.
- Buy concentrates for dishes and laundry.
- Buy products in bulk to save packaging.
- Choose products with less packaging.
- Make a full or partial switch to modern cloth nappies.
- Choose long lasting clothing over fast fashion items.
- Donate clothing, shoes, fabric and toys.
- Reuse plastic bags when you shop, including small fruit and vegie bags.



RECYCLE

- ▶ Many supermarkets offer soft plastic recycling with [REDcycle](#) for single use plastic bags and packaging.
- ▶ For 50% more recycling space upgrade to a larger 360 litre recycling bin for a one-off \$25 fee.
- ▶ Collect and return eligible drink containers for a 10c refund returnandearn.org.au.

COMPOST

- ▶ Put all food scraps in the green bin along with garden waste to be collected weekly.

PROBLEM WASTE

- ▶ Polystyrene, DVDs and CDs, printer cartridges, paint, motor oil, car and household batteries, smoke detectors, mobile phones and E-waste (plus more) can be taken to our Community Recycling Centre at Awaba for free.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional service options including weekly garbage collection are available for as little as \$5 a week, with a range of flexible payment options.

Get in touch

We're here to help when you need us

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Which bin does it go in?

GREEN

Animal droppings (excluding cat faeces and kitty litter)
Animal bedding (wood shavings, straw and hay)
Bones (raw and cooked)
Branches (broken up)
Bread
Cereal slops
Chicken bones, skin and scraps
Citrus
Coffee grounds (no pods)
Compostable bags (green only)
Corn Cobs
Crab
Dairy products
Eggs and egg shells
Feathers
Fish and bones
Flowers
Food leftovers and scraps
Fruit and vegetable scraps
Garden clippings
Grass cuttings
Leaves
Lobster
Meat (raw or cooked)
Palm fronds and trees
Paper coffee filters
Paper towel
Pencil shavings
Plant cuttings
Prawns
Nuts, grains and seeds (including shells)
Onions
Seafood (fish and soft shelled seafood)
Seaweed wrack and kelp
Tea bags and tea leaves
Vegetable scraps
Weeds (garden weeds)
Wood, timber (untreated, unpainted)
Less than 30cm in length and 10cm in diameter
Yabbies

GREEN COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY

Newspaper can also be used to wrap food scraps and pet droppings

NO loose soil

NO plastic, degradable or biodegradable bags

RECYCLING

Aerosol cans
Aluminium cans, foil and trays
Books
Bottles and bottles tops
Cans
Cardboard and boxes
Cereal boxes (remove plastic liner)
CD cases (no discs)
Cooking oil tins
Deodorant cans and roll-ons
Egg cartons
Envelopes (including plastic windows)
Foil (clean)
Foil lined cartons
Food trays (plastic or aluminium)
Fruit punnets
Gift wrapping paper
Glass bottles, jars and lids
Ice cream containers
Insect spray bottles and cans
Juice cartons
Junk mail
Magazines
Medicine bottles
Milk cartons and bottles
Newspapers
Paint tins and spray cans (empty and dry)
Paper bags, paper plates and cups
Paper towel roll (cardboard insert)
Phone books
Pie trays (aluminium)
Pizza boxes
Plant pots (small plastic)
Plastic bottles, containers and lids
Plastic plates, cups and cutlery
Pots & pans (steel and aluminium) no handles
Shredded paper and newspaper in a cardboard box
Steel and tin cans
Takeaway containers (plastic and cardboard) including coffee cup lids
Toilet paper rolls
Tupperware
Yoghurt containers

NO plastic bags

hrr.com.au or call the Recycling Hotline on 1800 838 884

GARBAGE

Animal droppings in plastic bags
Band-aids and dressings
Biodegradable and degradable bags
Bread bags* and tags
Bubble wrap
Candles
Carbon paper
Cassette tapes, CDs and DVDs*
Cat faeces and kitty litter
Ceramics
Chewing gum and bubble gum
Chip packets*
Cigarette butts and cigars
Clothing*
Cooking oil and fats absorbed in paper only
Crockery
Drinking glasses
Fabric*
Foam boxes
Foam underlay
Garden hose
Hair and fur
Hygiene products
Kitty litter
Light bulbs*
Lolly and sweet wrappers
Mirrors
Nappies
Pens, pencils, crayons
Plastic bags and wrapping*
Plastic toys*
Polystyrene*
Shellfish waste (hard shelled seafood including clams, mussels, oysters, scallops and pippis)
Supermarket bags (reusable)
Styrofoam*
Take away coffee cups
Tissues
Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes
Treated timber
Vacuum cleaner dust
Waxed paper/cardboard
Window glass/mirrors

*Check lakemac.com.au for ways to reuse or recycle these items

WEEKLY

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