



# Tips on managing your kerbside bins



## 1 Sort it out

Bin audits show 53% of the contents of our landfill bins could be recycled or composted. You'll send less to landfill by remembering your:

- **green-lidded bin** is for **ALL food and organic garden waste**
- **purple-lidded bin** is for **ALL glass bottles and jars**
- **yellow-lidded bin** is for **paper, cardboard, plastics stamped 1, 2 & 5, aluminium and steel cans.**

## 2 Do not overfill bins

Overfull bins attract wildlife, such as cockatoos that scavenge and create litter. Residents are responsible for picking up litter that spills from overfull bins where lids are not completely closed.

## 3 Put bins out on the right day

Bins must not be on the kerbside more than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day, or more than 48 hours after collection. Under Council's Community Amenity Local Law, penalties will apply. Visit [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/wastelaws](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/wastelaws) for more information.

## 4 Leave space between your bins

All bins should be at least a shoulder width apart. Bins that are too close together risk being knocked over during collection, spilling their contents onto the street.

## 5 Do not feed wildlife

Leaving out birdseed mix attracts wild birds, like cockatoos, to our neighbourhoods. Quickly filling their bellies, cockatoos can then get up to mischief by opening kerbside bins and chewing on buildings. Read more about cockatoos at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/cockatoos](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/cockatoos)

## 6 Never put batteries in your kerbside bins

Batteries can start fires in trucks or at the sorting facilities. Batteries for cars, boats, power tools, AAA, AA, C, D, 9v & button batteries are accepted for FREE at transfer stations and some retailers. Check drop-off points at [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/batteries](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/batteries)

## Free recycling options

Drop off these items free of charge at Council's transfer stations:

- E-waste\* (anything with a cord, plug or battery)
- Scrap metal eg bbqs, metal furniture, lawnmowers
- Televisions\*
- Whitegoods\* eg fridges, washing machines etc

\* Limits apply

Check [surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites](https://surfcoast.vic.gov.au/disposalsites) for a full list.

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