

Halve Waste

reduce • reuse • recycle

EASY TO SORT

EASY TO RECYCLE

Manufacturing plastics from recycled materials saves 70% of the energy required to make virgin plastic product from fossil fuels.



Gumboots Kimball
Garden Expert

All plastics are potentially recyclable, however, due to complex collection sorting and cleaning processes only certain types are accepted for your yellow lidded recycling bin.

The **Plastics Identification Code** is stamped on all hard plastic products. The following hard plastics are

suitable for recycling in your yellow lidded recycle bin:

- **PET** – soft drink and fruit juice bottles



- **HDPE** – milk bottles or shampoo containers
- **PVC** – cordial juice or squeeze bottles
- **LDPE** – squeezable containers
- **PP** – ice cream containers take-away food containers and lunch boxes

SCRUNCH IT!

As a general rule, complete the scrunch test, if your unsure if an item is recyclable or not. If you are able to scrunch the item easily in your hand and create a ball- it **CANNOT** go in your yellow lidded recycling bin e.g. a plastic bag as it is a 'soft' plastic. If you are unable to scrunch the item into a ball in your hand and when you let go it bounces back to it's original shape, it is recyclable e.g. a tomato punnet as it is a 'hard' plastic.

RECYCLABLES

HARD PLASTICS

KEEP IT OUT, THANKS

Polystyrene packaging, such as foam meat trays and foam hot drink cups are not suitable for recycling.

Plastic bags, cling wrap and household items such as toys, baskets, personal hygiene products, timber and hazardous waste cannot be recycled via the yellow lidded recycling bin.



You can recycle your 'soft' plastics through a collection point at Coles. More info at www.redcycle.com.au

SOME HARD FACTS

Australia produces more than 1.5 million tonnes of plastics every year, which is more than 71 kilograms per person. This includes:

- 50,000 tonnes of soft drink bottles
- 30,000 tonnes of milk bottles
- 10,000 tonnes of detergent and shampoo bottles

The rest is made up of shrink-wrap, film, shopping bags and other types of plastics.

To find out more call **CLEANAWAY** on 13 13 39 or visit our website halvewaste.com.au