

Recycling Information



Where does it go?

1. Recyclables from the road side collection are kept separate from general garbage and transported to Belrose Waste Facility which acts as a transfer station.
2. The recyclables are then taken to a Materials Recovery Facility where they are sorted. Plastic, paper, bottles and cans go through a mechanical and manual sorting process where contaminants are removed.
3. Once the process has been completed, the paper and aluminium cans are bundled together ready for shipping to commercial recycling companies or overseas where they are turned into new products.

Contamination

Be careful not to contaminate your recycling crate by including materials which cannot be recycled.

Contamination may result in your crate being rejected from collection, increased collection costs and material intended for recycling being sent to land fill.

Recycling Results

Participating in recycling contributes to improving our environment by cutting greenhouse gas emissions, delivering significant energy and water savings, as well as conserving non-renewable virgin resources.

Containers Recycling- Residents of Pittwater recycle over 3,500 tonnes of plastics and containers each year.

Paper and Cardboard Recycling- Recycling collections in Pittwater yield approximately 5,300 tonnes of high quality paper product each year.

Facts

- Aluminium cans and aluminium scrap are recycled into new aluminium products including aeroplanes, cars, and more cans;
- Plastic containers are recycled into carpet fibre, clothing, automotive parts, paint brushes, more plastic bottles and even swimming goggles;
- It takes 125 recycled plastic milk bottles to manufacture a 140 litre wheelie bin from recycled plastic;
- By recycling one tonne of paper you save 13 trees, 2.5 barrels of oil, 4100kWh of electricity, 4 cubic metres of land fill and 31,780 litres of water.

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A Guide to Recycling on Scotland Island



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Roadside Recycling



Roadside Collection

Recycling on Scotland Island is collected on a Monday. It can only be collected from the roadside adjacent to each household. Recyclables are not collected from private or public wharves.

Sometimes due to bad weather the roads may be deemed unsuitable for the recycling collection. The collection would then occur on the first day the roads are considered suitable.

Recycling Crates

Residents must separate paper and container recyclables and place them inside the Council issued recycling crates. Each household is entitled to two crates.

Crates may be ordered by contacting Pittwater Council on 9970-1111. Make sure to nominate the correct house number, street name and a description of your house so the crates can be delivered directly to your household. There is no charge for the supply or delivery of the crates.

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Containers



Acceptable Items

- glass, aluminium, steel cans, empty aerosol cans, empty and dry paint tins, milk and juice cartons and plastic containers numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
(give containers a quick rinse or wipe with newspaper)

Unacceptable Items

- ceramics or porcelain, glass cook ware
- broken glass, window glass and mirrors
- light globes, tubes and white glass
- plastic toys and household items
- non-recyclable packaging
- bottle lids
- polystyrofoam (it is not recyclable)
- plastic bags.

One piece of non-reusable glass can send a whole tonne of container recycling to land fill

Paper and Cardboard



Acceptable Items

- newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes, telephone books, cereal boxes, egg cartons, envelopes, office paper, junk mail, clean cardboard, food packaging, clean paper bags (flatten, bundle or pack together cardboard boxes so they do not blow away)

Unacceptable Items

- plastic bags (if plastic bags are found in your recycling the entire contents of your crate will be sent to general garbage)
- food soiled items e.g. pizza boxes and serviettes. These should be composted or placed in the garbage.

When plastic bags are found in your recycling the entire contents of your crate are sent to landfill