

Knox rubbish & recycling guide

- Learn about our waste services
- Help reduce the impact of waste



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Waste services

We offer the following services to eligible residents and commercial properties to help manage and reduce waste.

Residential

- Kerbside collection
- Hard rubbish collection
- Bundled branches and own container service
- Home composting discount program

Commercial

- Waste and recycling kerbside collection

Public spaces

- Rubbish and recycling bin provisions



Do you need this information in another language?



If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to call Knox City Council on 9298 8000.

Household rubbish

Collected fortnightly

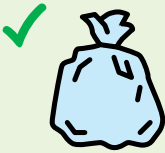
- This bin is for general household rubbish
- Rubbish must be bagged
- Waste from this bin goes to landfill.



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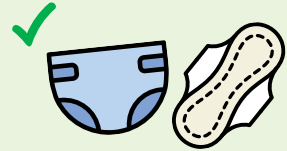
Find out more
knox.vic.gov.au/Rubbish



Bagged household rubbish



Light globes, window glass, mirrors, Pyrex, ceramics, and drinking glasses (wrapped)



Nappies (wrapped), disposable pads



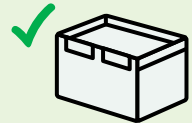
Plastic packaging, wrappers, food packaging



Disposable coffee cups, fruit stickers and teabags



Pet poo (wrapped)

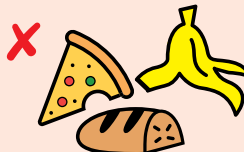


Polystyrene (small amounts)

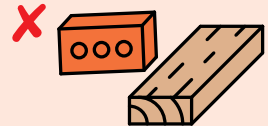
NO



No green waste



No food waste



No timber, bricks, rubble, steel or building materials



No fluids, liquids, motor oil, pesticides, paints or solvents



No recyclables (eg. Milk cartons)



No syringes



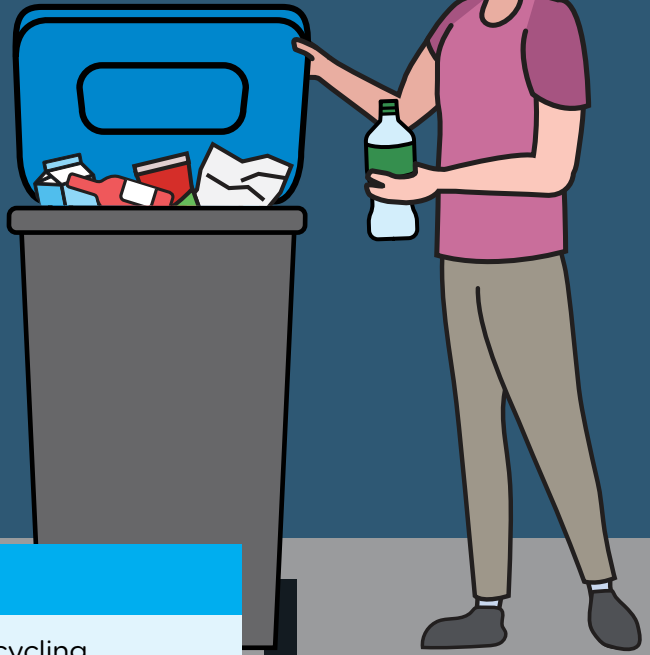
No batteries, chemicals or hazardous waste



No ashes



No e-waste (item that needs a cord or runs off batteries)



Recycling tips

- Never bag your recycling
- Rinse items lightly before placing them in the recycling bin
- Screw small lids to bottles, otherwise leave off
- For a more comprehensive list of yes/no items for recycling, visit knox.vic.gov.au/recycling

Container Deposit Scheme

A Container Deposit Scheme has been introduced in Victoria, helping you to dispose of bottles and cans at designated collection locations. Participants receive 10 cents an item.

Find out more: vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme



Recycling

Collected fortnightly

- This bin is for recyclable items
- Keep items loose, not bagged
- Recyclables are a valuable resource.



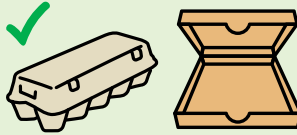
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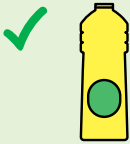
Magazines, paper and newspapers



Clean egg cartons, clean pizza boxes and clean cardboard



Empty aluminium and steel aerosol cans



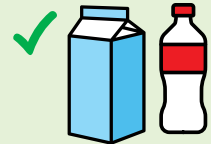
Hard plastic packaging, empty food containers



Aluminium and steel cans, tins



Empty glass bottles and jars (lids off)



Milk and juice cartons, bottles (lids off)

NO



No soft plastics or bags



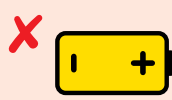
No bagged household rubbish or bagged recycling



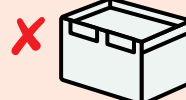
No food or green waste



No syringes



No batteries



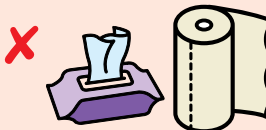
No polystyrene



No shoes or clothing



No chemicals, liquids, motor oil, pesticides, paints or solvents



No wipes, tissues or paper towel



No e-waste (item that needs a cord or runs off batteries)

Food and garden tips

- Keep garden waste loose. Don't squash it down into your bin. This makes it easier to transfer to the truck.
- Keep your lid closed to reduce odours and discourage pests.
- Ensure tree branches are no bigger than 30cm length and 10cm in diameter. Use the bundled branch collection service for longer pieces.
- Use the hard rubbish collection service to dispose of tree stumps with roots.

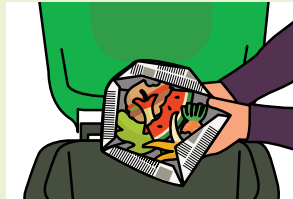
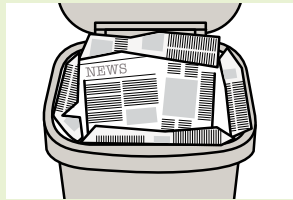
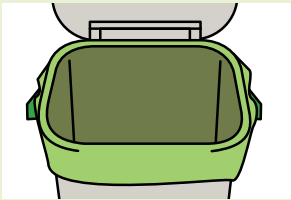
Home composting options

We offer residents discounted home composting systems that help reduce household organic waste at home. Find out more: knox.vic.gov.au/composting

Where does my food and garden waste go?

Food and garden waste is transported to BioGro's processing facility in Dandenong South where it is shredded, sorted, and processed into nutrient-rich soil, and mulch for use across Victoria's parks, gardens, nurseries, farms and wineries.

How to line your kitchen caddy



Option 1

Only use lime green compostable caddy liners with this seedling symbol and code AS4736

Option 2

Use paper towel or newspaper

Option 3

No liner at all

Food and garden bin

Collected weekly

- This bin is for your food scraps and garden waste
- Use lime green compostable caddy liners (AS 4736) with seedling symbol
- Organic material is processed into compost.



YES



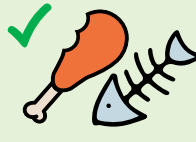
Find out more
[knox.vic.gov.au/FoodAndGarden](https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/FoodAndGarden)



Vegetable & food scraps



Leftover food



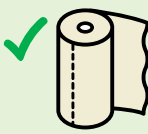
Meat, bones, fish, soft shell seafood



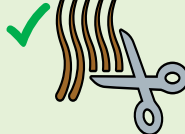
Dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds



Garden prunings, grass, weeds



Paper towel, tissues, newspaper sheets (small amounts)



Human and animal hair



Small sticks, toothpicks, skewers and uncoated chopsticks

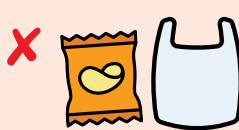


Lime green compostable caddy liners (AS 4736)

NO



No household rubbish



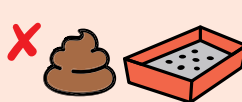
No plastic bags, food packaging



No hard seafood shells (e.g. oysters)



No liquids, fats, greases or oils



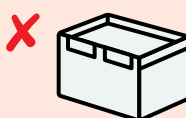
No pet poo, litter or poo bags



No recyclables (plastic, glass, metal)



No nappies, personal hygiene products or wipes

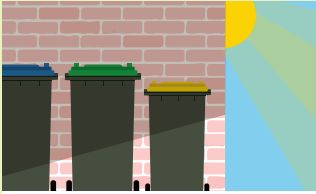


No foil, polystyrene or cellophane

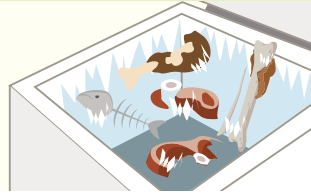


No backyard or garage items, plastic pots, hoses or tools

Tips to reduce bin odours



Keep your bins out of direct sunlight



Keep meat and seafood scraps in the freezer until bin collection day



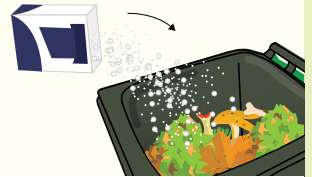
Use lime green compostable caddy liners (AS 4736)



Wash your caddy and bin regularly



Layer your green waste and food scraps



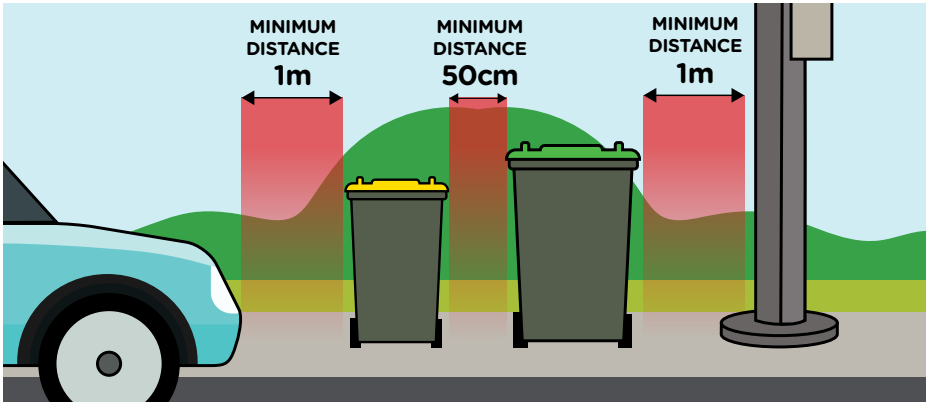
Sprinkle bi-carb soda into your bin to neutralize smells

- Every 2-3 days or when full, place the caddy contents into your green lidded food and garden bin.
- Rinse and dry your caddy regularly.
- To reduce odours, wrap meat, fish, and bones in newspaper before adding them to your caddy.
- Avoid adding liquids to your caddy to prevent bin liner bags from breaking.



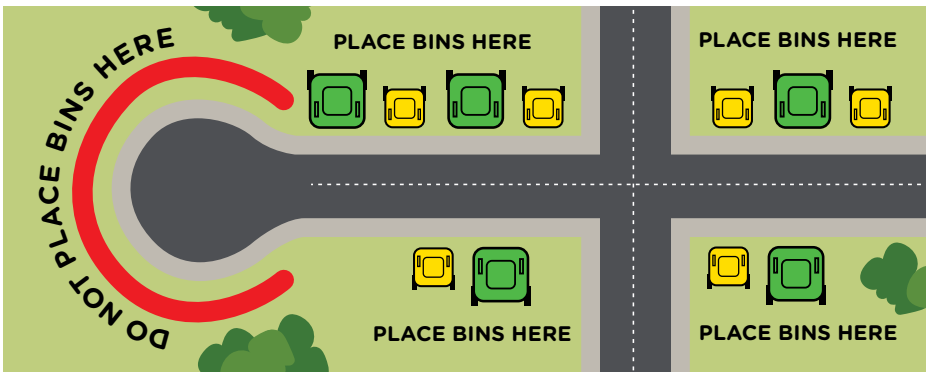
Only use lime green compostable caddy liners with this seedling symbol and code AS4736

How to place your bins out for collection



- Place your bins out for collection the night prior to your collection day and return them to your property after 24 hours.
- Do not overload your bin. The maximum weight allowed is 50kg.
- Do not put rubbish on top of or beside your bin and close the bin lid completely.
- Ensure bins are 50cm apart and allow minimum 1 metre clearance from parked cars, trees, light poles or other obstructions.
- Place bins with handles facing away from the kerb.

Bins will be collected on all public holidays



If you live in a hammerhead or bowl court place bins in the straight section of the street.

Hard rubbish tips

- Only place items out for collection once booking is confirmed.
- Place items out no more than 2 days prior to collection week.
- All items must be out by 6am on the Monday of collection week.
- Where possible, provide clear access to pick up your items.
- If items are not out in time for collection, the booking will be forfeited.
- Report missed collections within one week of the allocated collection week.
- It is illegal to put items out without a prior booking, dump waste, scavenge items for commercial gain or add items to a neighbour's pile. Fines will apply under Council's Local Laws.

Find out more at knox.vic.gov.au/hardrubbish



What happens to your hard rubbish?

Recycled

- TVs and computers
- Mattresses
- E-waste items
- Metals, white goods

Goes to landfill

- Window glass, mirrors, shower screens
- Carpet
- Furniture items
- Timber
- Large household items too big for rubbish bin

Top tip

Can you sell, donate, repair or reuse your item instead of putting it on hard rubbish?

Hard rubbish

Two collections per eligible residential property each financial year.

- Large items can be collected as hard rubbish.
- Items must be loose and in a neat pile.
- Collections must be booked and can be done 1 to 2 weeks in advance.

YES



Find out more
knox.vic.gov.au/HardRubbish



Fridges (doors off),
washing machines



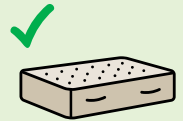
Furniture (max.
1.5m long, 30kgs)



Tools and
equipment



E-waste: laptops
computers, TVs



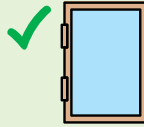
Mattresses
and bed bases
(limit of 2 total)



Carpet (2 x rolls
max. rolled and tied,
up to 1.5m long)



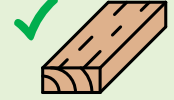
Empty paint tins,
drums and tanks
(lids off)



Secure sheet
glass (wrapped
for safety)

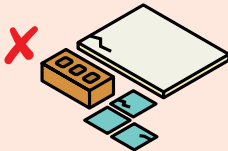


Tree stumps (max.
1.5m long, 30kgs)



Timber
(max. 10 pieces
1.5m long, 30kg)

NO



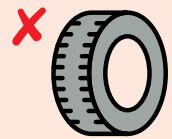
No building, demolition
or renovation materials
including plasterboard
or spa baths



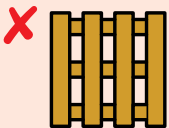
No asbestos, oil,
paint, batteries,
liquids, chemical or
hazardous waste



No green waste,
except tree stumps
(max. 1.5m long and
30kg in weight)



No tyres or car
parts of any kind



No gates, fencing,
trellis or pallets



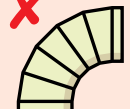
No household
rubbish or
recyclables



No food waste



No gas bottles,
fire extinguishers



No insulated
heating/cooling
ducts

How to dispose of items that cannot go into your bins

Electronic waste (e-waste)

Electronic waste (or 'e-waste') is any item with a power cord or battery, such as;

Kitchen: blender, toaster, kettle, electric knife, radio.

Lounge-room: pedestal fan, TV, remote control, game consoles, light fittings.

Kids' room: clock, toys with a battery, tablet, reading lights.

Bathroom: electric toothbrush, electric shaver, hair dryer, hair straightener.

E-waste cannot be placed into any kerbside bin.

- It can be disposed of for free using the hard rubbish collection service (placed in a non-returnable box).
- or taken to a waste transfer station for disposal (fees may apply).

Batteries

Batteries should never be placed into your bins as they can start fires in collection trucks and leach harmful chemicals into the environment.

Batteries, including AAA, AA, C, D, 9V, laptop, phone, and tool batteries can be taken to Aldi, Woolworths, Bunnings and several other stores for recycling. For more information visit: bcycle.com.au/drop-off

Car battery disposal is available at the Knox Transfer Station.

Detox Your Home

Chemicals should never be placed into your bins or on your nature strip for hard rubbish collection.

Council and Sustainability Victoria partner each year to provide free *Detox Your Home* collections for the safe disposal of household chemicals.

Find out about accepted items, collection days and locations: sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

Top tip

Batteries cannot go in ANY bin. Dispose of them at selected stores. Visit: bcycle.com.au/drop-off

Bundled branches & own container service

Collected same day as household rubbish

- For eligible residential properties
- Put out before 6am on collection day



YES

✓ Multiple bundles are permitted

Bundles must be:

- ✓ max. 1.5m in length
- ✓ max. 30cm in diameter
- ✓ less than 30kg
- ✓ tied with natural twine or string to allow for safe collection.



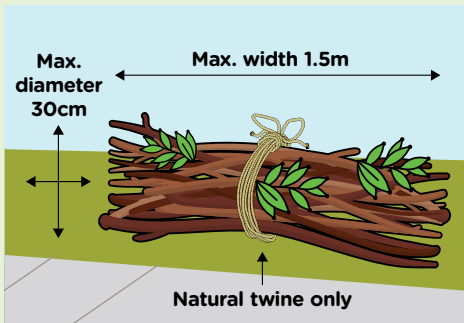
Find out more

knox.vic.gov.au/GreenWaste

✓ Use your own container for green waste.

Containers must:

- ✓ be rigid
- ✓ hold less than 55L
- ✓ weigh less than 30kg



NO

- ✗ No timber
- ✗ No stumps, roots or soil
- ✗ No untied small branches
- ✗ No large tree limbs (over 10cm in diameter or longer than 30cm)
- ✗ No branches with nails or wire
- ✗ Any type of bag, wheelie bin or container with food waste.

A to Z rubbish and recycling guide

Still not sure what goes where?

Use our guide: knox.vic.gov.au/WasteGuide



B Bokashi Bin	I Internet search	S Contact Customer Service - 9298 8000
C Compost Bin/Worm Farm	M Permanent detox drop-off site Monash Transfer Station	T Transfer Station
D Detox Your Home	P recyclingnearyou.com.au Provided by Planet Ark	W Bundled green waste service
F Food and Garden Bin	R Recycling Bin	X Charity/Op Shop/Re-sell
G Rubbish Bin (bagged)		Z Supermarkets (some)
H Hard Waste Collection		

A		
Aerosols (empty)	R	Cardboard (waxed/coated)
Aerosols (not empty)	D	Car parts (metal) small pieces-no engines
Air conditioning unit int./ext.	H	Car wax
Aluminium foil (rolled into tennis ball size)	R	Carpet/carpet underlay*
Ammonia based cleaners	D	CDs/DVDs/Videos
Antennas	GH	Ceramics (broken)
Anti-freeze	D	Ceramics (intact)
Animal droppings (in a compostable bag)	CG	Cereals
Asbestos	IS	Chemicals (household)
		Christmas trees-living (cut-up)
		Christmas trees-artificial
B		
Bath ceramic/wrought Iron	HT	Cigarette butts
Batteries (all sizes)	MPZ	Citrus
BBQ	HT	Cling film
Bean Bag-beans (must be contained)	GH	Clothing
Bikes/scooters/skateboard	HX	Coat hangers (wire/plastic)
Biodegradable cups or cutlery	G	Coffee Grounds (loose)
Blanket/doona, bedding	HTX	Coffee Pods (incl compostable)
Blinds*	HT	Compostable caddy liner (lime green, AS4736)
Bubble wrap	G	Compostable containers/ cups/packaging
Bones (raw/cooked)	F	Computers/monitors
Books	HRXT	Coolant
Bottles & tops (plastic/metal)	R	Corrugated iron & metal
Boxes (cardboard)	MTR	Cooking oil up to 20L
Brake fluid	D	Cubby House plastic
Branches	TW	Cubby House timber
Bread	BCF	Crockery/glasses
Bricks/rubble/concrete	T	Cups & saucers (broken)
Broken drinking glass (wrapped in paper)	G	Curtains
Building materials	IT	Curtain rods, tracks and brackets
		Cutlery
C		
Cameras	TX	Dairy products (out of containers/plastic)
Car batteries	MT	Dead animals
Cardboard	MRT	
		Detergent bottles (empty)
		Disinfectants
		Disposable nappies (bagged)
		Disposable wooden cutlery
		Dishwasher
		Dog, cat poo (in a compostable bag)
		Doors*
		Dryer, washing machine
		DVDs, CDs, VCR player
D		
		Egg cartons
		Eggs/eggshells
		Electrical appliances
		Engine oil 30L or less
E		
		Fertiliser
		Fencing/lattice
		Fire Extinguisher
		Filing cabinet metal/timber
		Fluorescent tubes/globes
		Floor-care products & waxes
		Foam boxes/trays (small)
		Food cans (empty)
		Food waste/scrap
		Fridges/freezers
		Fuels-petrol, diesel, kerosene, other
		Furniture
F		
		Garden tools
		Garden waste
		Garlic
		Gas bottles (BBQ)
		Gates
		Glass sheets (wrap & label)
		Glues-water & solvent based
		Grains
G		

H		Oils (cooking)	DM	Smoke alarms	HPT
Hair (pet/human)	CF	Oils (solid eg.- cophera/ghee)	G	Sporting equipment	IP SX
Heater - oil	HT	Onion	F	Sporting goods	GHIX
Heater - wall electric or gas/portable	HT	Oyster shells	G	Steel (other than cans/tins)	HT
Herbicides and weed killers	D	Ovens	HT	Steel cans & tins (empty)	R
Hot water unit	HT	P		Stoves	HT
Household chemicals	D	Paint	MT	Straw/hay (clean, no pet poo)	F
I		Paint stripper/thinner/turps	D	Straws (paper)	CF
Incontinence pads (disposable)	G	Paint tins/drums (dry/empty)	MHT	Styrofoam	GHIMPST
Insect spray/pesticides	D	Pallets	T	Syringes	S
Irons	HTX	Paper towel (clean/dirty)	CF	T	
Ironing board	HTX	Pasta (cooked/raw)	BCF	Takeaway plastic containers	R
Iron, scrap metal	HT	Pet food tins (empty/rinsed)	R	Takeaway coffee, juice & soft drink cups	G
K		Pharmaceuticals & cosmetics	DI	Tea bags (paper made)	BCG
Kitty litter (bagged)	G	Picture frames	HX	Tea leaves (loose only)	BCF
Kitty litter (biodegradable)	C	Pillows	HT	Televisions	HITX
L		Pizza boxes (clean, broken)	R	Tetra packs	R
Ladder timber/metal	HT	Plasterboard	T	Textiles/linen	HITX
Laundry sink/ metal cupboard	HT	Plastic bags	GI	Tiles-ceramic roof	T
Lawn mower	HTX	Plastic containers (large)	HT	Timber*	HT
Light globes (halogen, incandescent)	IMP	Plastic pots/plant tags (clean)	GIPS	Timber (treated)	GHT
Light globes (LED)	IMP	Plastic strapping & film	G	Tissues	CF
Light fittings	HT	Plastic wrappers	G	Toasters	HIMTX
M		Plate glass (wrapped)	GH	Toilet*	HT
Margarine tubs (empty)	R	Polystyrene large pieces	GMPST	Tools inc. power tools	HTX
Mannequins	HT	Pool chemicals	D	Toys	GHISTX
Mattresses/base*	HT	Pool pump	HT	Trampoline dismantled	H
Meat/fish scraps	BF	Pots & pans	HRX	Transmission fluid	D
Meat trays (foam)	G	Prams & pushers	HX	Tree prunings	CFTW
Meat tray (plastic)	G	Printer/toner cartridges	P	Tyres	IT
Medicine bottles (empty)	R	PVC/plastic pipe	G	V	
Metal sheds*	HT	Pyrex ovenware (broken)	G	Vacuum cleaner	HIMT
Mirrors (wrap & label)	HX	R		Vacuum cleaner dust	CG
Mobile phones	IPSTXZ	Rat poison	D	Vinyl flooring*	HT
Mouldy food	BCF	Rice (cooked/raw)	BCF	W-X-Y	
N		Rubber	G	Washing machines	HIMTX
Nappies (disposable/compostable)	G	S		Waxed cardboard	G
Nails and screws	G	Scrap metal	HT	Weeds	CFW
Nail polish and remover	D	Seeds	BCF	Weeds (noxious)	FW
Newspapers (clean)	R	Shellfish - soft (NOT oyster shells)	F	Wet wipes	G
Newspapers (dirty)	CFG	Shoes	GHIX	Whitegoods	HIMTX
Noodles	BCF	Shower screens*	HT	Window Frames (metal)*	HT
O		Shredded paper	CFG	Window Frames (metal/timber)	T
Oil motor 30L or less	MT	Silicon bakeware	G	Window glass (wrap)	HT
				Wood preservatives & finishes (oil and varnishes)	D
				X-rays	IMPT

Recovery and waste transfer stations

Recovery and Waste Transfer Stations accept a range of items for recycling and disposal. This includes bulky items such as couches, white goods, and many hazardous and difficult to recycle items. Fees for some items may apply.

Some transfer stations have a second-hand goods store where items can be purchased for reuse.

Knox Transfer Station

251 George Street
Wantirna South
Call: 9887 2222
knoxtransferstation.com.au

For information about accepted items, prices, and open hours, contact the transfer station directly or visit their website.

The Knox Transfer Station is a privately operated facility.

Other facilities

Whitehorse Recycling and Waste Centre (operated by Whitehorse City Council)
Corner Burwood Highway and Morack Road
Vermont South
Call: 9262 6236

Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station
380 Ferntree Gully Road
Notting Hill
Call: 9518 3767

Polystyrene Recycling
Foamex Victoria
31-33 Gatwick Road
Bayswater North
Call: 8739 5800
styrocycle.com.au

Paintback

Paintback takes unwanted paint and packaging and responsibly disposes of it, diverting it from landfill and vital waterways. Find a Paintback location near you.
paintback.com.au

Additional waste support

Additional waste needs

You can apply for a free extra 120L household rubbish bin if your household has extra waste needs such as:

- extra medical waste
- two or more children in disposable nappies

To see if you are eligible or apply, visit knox.vic.gov.au/rubbish

Bin size options

Knox's standard waste fees include an 80L rubbish bin, 240L recycle bin and 240L food and garden bin. Other sizes are available for a fee. For more information visit: knox.vic.gov.au/binsservices

Knox compost rebates

Save up to 60% off a new compost system. One rebate is available per Knox household (ratepayers and renters) per financial year.

We have a range of systems to choose from including compost bins, worm farms, Bokashi bins, and pet poo systems. Find out more at knox.vic.gov.au/composting

Reusable products

Introductory workshops will be available throughout the year to encourage the use of reusable continence, menstrual and nappy items. For more information visit: knox.vic.gov.au/reducewaste



Need more help?

Contact us 9298 8000 or via talkingrubbish@knox.vic.gov.au to discuss your waste needs.

Ways to decrease your waste

Knox residents are excellent recyclers but there are even more steps we can take prior to recycling to reduce our waste.

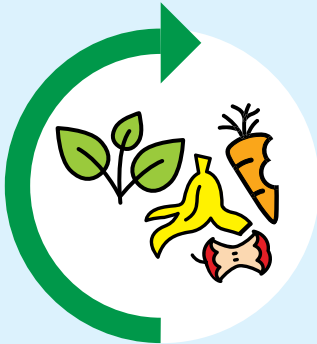


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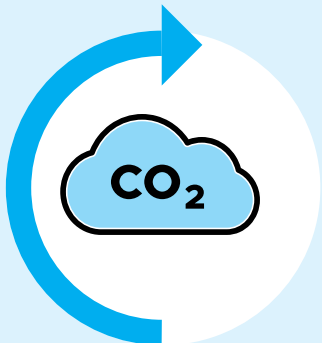
Since introducing service changes in 2023, we have achieved some amazing results.



**74% of waste
diverted
from landfill**



**2,600 tonnes
of organics
recycled***



**2,200 tonnes of
greenhouse gas
emissions saved***

*on average each month

Let's keep the momentum going

Find my bin days



Search your address to find out what days your bins will be collected

knox.vic.gov.au/BinDay



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