

# Fact Sheet



## Recycle more:

- Paper – this includes newspapers, cardboard rolls. Shred any sensitive documents before putting them out for collection.
- PET bottles and glass bottles with the recyclable symbol. Don't throw any ceramics mugs or overproof glass in as just 15 grams can render one tonne of glass unrecyclable. This goes for bottle tops as well.
- Don't use your council clean up as a dumping ground. One man's trash is another's treasure so take old clothes, furniture, toys, blankets, etc which is in a good condition to your local op shop to brighten the day of someone else. If you're put off by transporting larger items check with your op shop as many will pick them up for you.
- Check out your local second-hand store or op shop for items you may be able to use. Vintage clothing is popular right now and you never know what bargains can be found!
- Buy a compost bin and turn your vegetable scraps, newspapers and lawn clippings in compost for the garden.
- Printer cartridges can be recycled at the following participating outlets: Australia Post, Officeworks, Harvey Norman, Tandy, Dick Smith Electronics and Powerhouse stores
- Reuse shopping bags rather than getting each time you get to the supermarket. Alternatively, buy some green bags to keep on hand for groceries.
- Buy products made from recycled materials – this includes everything from paper, toilet paper and pens through to soft drink cans and bottles. Buying these products creates demand and keeps the recycling industry sustainable.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Don't throw away old computers. Electronic waste is one of our largest contributors to landfill yet many components can be reused.
  - If your computer is in good working order why not sell it or donate it to a charity? Many people can't afford to purchase one and it can be an important means of looking for work, completing studies, etc. Many charities can be found online and will even pick it up from you.
  - Recoverable materials in PCs and monitors include aluminium, cadmium, copper, glass, gold, lead, mercury, plastics, silica, silver and steel. Look online for your closest drop off point.