

Why is rubbish so important?

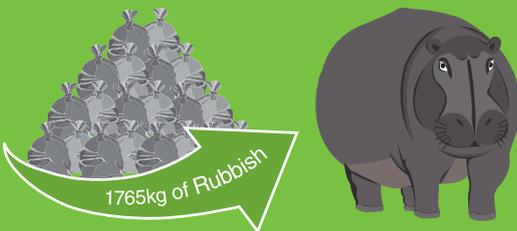
What is rubbish?

In Australia, for many years we have discarded household rubbish by putting it in landfill. Many people think of rubbish as 'useless material'. Did you know most rubbish can be reused for other purposes?

We are big consumers

Australians generate a large amount of rubbish. We are twice as wasteful as Western Europeans.

- In 2006/2007 Australian households generated 11.9 million tonnes of rubbish. Of this, only 39% was recycled.
- In 2006/2007 households in the Perth Metropolitan area generated approximately 1.1 million tonnes of rubbish. The average Perth household creates 1765 kilograms of rubbish per year, equivalent to a fully grown male hippopotamus.



- Between 2002 and 2007 Australia had a 28% increase in rubbish generation – rubbish is increasing faster than the population.



What is recycling?

Recycling involves breaking down the components of a waste product, usually packaging materials such as plastics and cardboard, to make something new. Recycling helps to reduce the environmental impact of waste and to maintain our community resources for future generations.



What are landfills?

Landfills are sites where waste is disposed of by being buried in the ground. The Tamala Park landfill in Mandarie, the largest landfill in the State, accepts rubbish from your area. It is expected to be full in just 10 years.



Who collects your rubbish?



Rubbish collections and recycling services are provided by your local Council.

These services generally include:

- A weekly collection of your green-lid bin containing household rubbish.
- A fortnightly collection of your yellow-lid bin containing recyclable material.
- Bulk hard waste and green waste verge collections several times a year. Bulk hard waste refers to large items which do not fit into your household bins such as old furniture. Green waste refers to garden clippings.

To have your bins emptied, place them out on the verge on collection day. To check what day to put your bins out, phone your local Council.



“Every time we reduce, reuse, recycle and recover usable material from rubbish we are helping to sustain the Earth’s limited resources”



Where does rubbish go?

The disposal of rubbish is performed by the Mindarie Regional Council on behalf of your local Council.

Find out with a FREE tour!

Come on a tour of our facilities and find out what happens to your rubbish after it leaves your home. Call the Mindarie Regional Council on 08 9306 6348 to book your tour.

Phone numbers for your local Council

City of Joondalup	9400 4000
City of Perth	9461 3421
City of Stirling	9345 8555
City of Wanneroo	9405 5000
Town of Cambridge	9347 6000
Town of Victoria Park	9311 8111
Town of Vincent	9273 6000
Mindarie Regional Council	9306 6303

Recycling Centres

Bring items for re-use or recycling to one of these two Recycling Centres, free of charge.

Tamala Park

1700 Marmion Ave,
Mindarie
Phone 9306 6303

Jan12: New hours 8am-4.45pm

Recycling Centre Balcatta

238 Balcatta Rd,
Balcatta
Phone 9345 8555

Open 7 Days
Hours 7.30am - 4pm

(Both closed Christmas Day, New Years Day and Good Friday)

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Reducing, Reusing, Recycling