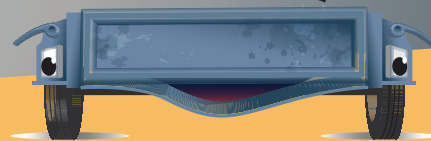


# Getting the most out of the Launceston Recycling Centre

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## FACT SHEET # 1

### What's a recycling centre?

No, it is not a tip! Recycling centres or resource recovery centres are facilities provided to hundreds of communities across the country. They have been designed to help reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill and recycle as much as we possibly can.



Historically council 'tips' or landfills were sites where access for waste disposal was unrestricted and no recycling was undertaken at all. As the age of recycling expanded and the aim was to reduce the amount of waste thrown away, councils made the decision to close these sites and replace them with recycling centres or resource recovery centres.

As their name suggests, recycling centres are a place where resources or materials can be recovered for recycling before the remaining general rubbish is sent to landfill.

They are considered to be a more effective option to landfills because they have less impact on the environment and the landscape, and the risk of fire is also reduced because waste is removed regularly. They improve the ability to recycle as much waste as possible and give councils better control over the types of waste collected. They also allow councils to reduce the number of landfills they have operating which is an economic benefit as well as an environmental benefit.

With increasing restrictions placed on councils for the establishment of landfills and limited available space, resource recovery centres are an effective alternative for managing our waste.



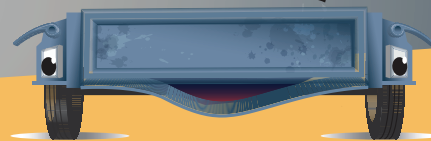
You can drop most of your recyclables off at the recycling centre for free, compared to paying a weight or item based charge to send all your waste to landfill.

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## FACT SHEET #2

### What can I recycle?

The Launceston Recycling Centre has been designed to assist you to recycle as much of your waste as possible and the facility is set up to help you do this quickly and conveniently.

#### Cardboard and paper

Cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, brochures, catalogues, phone books, milk and juice cartons. No waxed cardboard boxes.



#### Waste cooking and motor oil

Clean, used or unwanted cooking and motor oil can be disposed of into the collection tanks.



#### Steel

Empty steel cans are accepted.



#### Batteries

Household batteries, including AAs, AAAs and button batteries, and car and truck batteries.



#### Glass

Empty bottles and jars (green, brown and clear).



#### Concrete, bricks and pavers

Clean concrete, bricks and pavers can be disposed of at the recycling centre. Do not drop off any product that may contain asbestos.



#### Plastics

Including empty milk, soft drink, cordial, detergent and juice bottles, empty ice cream, margarine, takeaway and yoghurt containers and lids.



#### Electrical waste (E-waste)

Computers, televisions and accessories.



#### Aluminium

Cans, empty aerosol cans, clean foil trays and clean, scrunched aluminium foil.

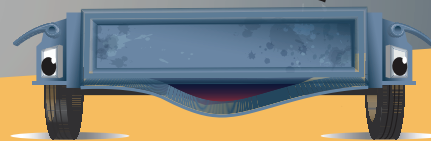


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### Timber

Posts, doors and frames.



### Empty gas cylinders

Empty gas cylinders.



### Scrap metal

Including iron, steel, wire and whitegoods (with the exception of refrigerators which must go to the Launceston transfer station).



### Paint

Empty tins and partially full tins.



### Chemical drums

Triple rinsed, empty chemical drums (both plastic and steel) are accepted. There must be no trace of chemical residue.



### Fluorescent tubes and globes

Whole/intact fluorescent tubes and bulbs.



The Launceston Recycling Centre also accepts donations for Uptipity, the resale shop.

The following items cannot be recycled through the recycling centre but can be disposed of at the transfer station for either landfilling or further processing:

**GREEN WASTE • REFRIGERATORS • TYRES • MATTRESSES**

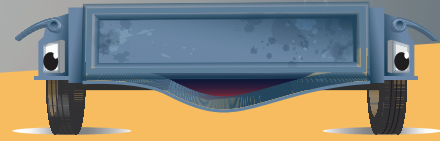
All items disposed of at the transfer station will be subject to either item based fees, for example, tyres, or the weight based disposal fee.

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## FACT SHEET #3

### Why sort my load?

Before your next trip to the Launceston Recycling Centre, think about how you can save yourself time, effort and money by sorting your load at home.

The Launceston Recycling Centre has been set up to help you recycle as much of your waste as possible first and then dispose of your remaining waste last. By taking a few extra minutes to load your trailer or ute correctly, you will make the most out of the recycling facilities before you head to the rubbish disposal area.

#### The RIGHT WAY to load up

When you start to load up your waste, keep the same materials together in piles on your trailer or ute. Neat piles of green waste, timber, bricks, scrap metal, electronic waste (e-waste), and other recyclables at the front and any left over rubbish at the rear of your load will ensure that you can move from bay to bay and recycle your load first then drop off your rubbish at the transfer station last. Safety is also very important when visiting the recycling centre, so if your load has been well sorted it will be much safer for you to dispose of your materials at the designated drop off points.

Securing your load with a net, tie down straps or ropes is essential before you head off to the recycling centre.



#### The WRONG WAY to load up

If you simply throw everything onto your trailer or ute in a jumbled up mess it will be very hard for you to separate out your recyclable items from your rubbish. You will then be tempted to simply throw everything into the rubbish disposal point, which could be very expensive for you. And if you decide to sort your load once you get to the recycling centre, it will be a very time consuming job to trek backwards and forwards across the site to dispose of your different recyclables if you haven't sorted your load correctly.

#### SECURE YOUR LOAD

Driving to the site with an unsecured load is a serious safety problem and is an offense under Tasmanian law.



This load has not been sorted and has no restraint or ties to stop items blowing out of the trailer.

Next time you are preparing to head out to the Launceston Waste Centre, make sure you 'Get It Sorted'.

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