

Wheelie bins on nature strips

Council collects general waste weekly and recycling waste fortnightly. This factsheet helps you to know about:

- what you can place in your bin
- bin collection information &
- the approach to compliance for bins on the nature strip.

Bins left on nature strip

All waste and recycling bins are to be returned inside the property boundary. This must be done as soon as practical after the bins have been serviced.

There are a number of issues if the bins are left on the kerbside for extended periods, including:

- increased incidence of theft and vandalism of the bins
- increased risk of break in, as bins left out may indicate that no-one is home
- creates risk of littering from scavenger birds, vermin and stray animals
- may cause a pedestrian/traffic and/or health hazard
- attracts rubbish dumping
- is not aesthetically pleasing for other residents

Non-compliance/warnings

In addition to the above issues, leaving bins on the kerbside is an offence.

Council will act on a complaint and issue a warning if a bin is left out for longer than 3 days (3 days being the day before, the day of and the day after collection).

Sufficient warning includes:

- a notice being placed on the bin
- email or verbal notification
- non-compliance after sufficient warnings have been issued may result in enforcement of the legislation - Local Law No. 3 (Community Health and Environmental Management) 2011 – Part 7A Waste Management

In the event that a waste or recycle bin is not removed within the approved time period and the owner cannot be located or identified, Council may proceed with impounding the waste or recycled bin as abandoned goods.

Failing to comply may result in an on-the-spot fine of \$275.00.

Residential - Waste bin collection guidelines

- waste collection vehicles operate from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Please place your bin on the kerb before 6.00am on your collection day
- bins should be placed a minimum of 500mm apart on the kerbside
- Leave 500mm between bins and other objects.
- Place your bins with the wheels facing away from the road.
- 240L bin maximum permissible weight = 80kg
- all items placed in the bin should fit loosely so the bin empties easily
- the bin lid must be able to close completely

please ensure your bin is returned to the property as soon as practical after emptying.



Be a good neighbour

Take the time to talk to neighbours. Find out what concerns they may have and ask for suggestions about solving any problems. In many cases an agreement can be reached that satisfies all needs without involving third parties.

What does the Law say?

Council's Local Law No. 3 (Community Health and Environmental Management) 2011 – Part 7A Waste Management provides you with information on the keeping and storage of general waste containers.

For more details on Council's Local Laws visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Local-Laws

Further information

For additional support or information on resolving this issue you may like to contact Council by email, website or phone.

Your Guide to Waste and Recycling -

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/en/Living-and-Community/Waste-and-Recycling/Bin-Collection-Services/Recycling-Bin-Collection>

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WASTE SERVICE (Red lid)
Waste bins are serviced weekly

YES!

- Household waste
- Nappies, tissues and paper towel
- Flexible plastics (foly wrappers, cling film and chip packets)
- Food scraps (meat, bones, fish and poultry)
- Broken mirrors, pyrex, drinkware and crockery

NO!

- Syringes or medical waste
- Chemicals or hazardous waste
- Motor oil, pesticides, paints or solvents
- Fluids or liquids

HINT!
Everything that goes into your red bin is destined for landfill. Every piece of waste avoided, reused or recycled makes a difference.

Avoid
Council is progressively changing any green lids to red which will then meet the Australian standard.
Reduce general waste by:
• Avoiding food waste
• Placing recyclables in the right bin
• Composting or worm farming at home

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
Landfill

RECYCLING SERVICE (Yellow lid)
Recycling bins are serviced fortnightly

YES!

- Empty glass bottles and jars (all colours)
- Magazines and newspapers
- Cardboard (including egg cartons, cereal boxes and clean pizza boxes)
- Household plastic containers (from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry)
- Milk cartons, juice cartons and tetra-paks
- Aluminium and steel cans and aerosols
- Paper, envelopes and junk mail

NO!

- Building waste
- Chemicals, acids or batteries
- Ceramics, china, or drinking glasses
- Clothing
- Nappies
- Food scraps
- Garden waste
- Plastic bags
- Flexible plastics (foly wrappers, cling film and chip packets)
- Plate glass or light globes
- Scrap metal
- Synfoam or polystyrene
- Syringes or needles
- Fluids or liquids
- Tyres or oils
- Window or mirror glass
- Wood

HINT!
Keep your recycling separate from waste in the home with a bin or box that you can carry to your recycling bin. There's no need for bin liners!

GARDEN WASTE SERVICE (Lime lid)
Garden waste bins are serviced fortnightly

YES!

- Grass clippings, weeds and leaves
- Garden prunings
- Flowers
- Small branches
- Palm fronds (cut to fit inside the bin)

NO!

- General household rubbish
- Plastic bags
- Logs, stumps or tree limbs larger than the size of the bin
- Bricks, rocks or rubble
- Dirt, soil, sand or potting mix
- Fallen fruit or food scraps
- Treated timber
- Recyclables
- Garden accessories (e.g. plant pots, gnomes or hoses)

Garden care
Mulch is a great way to keep your garden looking good all year round. It keeps moisture in and prevents weeds. It's a great re-use of material!

HINT!
Using a garden waste bin reduces the organic quantity going to landfill. Keeping the lid above out of the bin will result in a better quality mulch for Sunshine Coast gardens. Cut all materials to a size that fits in the bin and the lid will close.