

Recycling



Glass Bottles & Jars



Steel & Aluminium Cans



Rigid Plastic Containers



Paper & Cardboard Products



Paper & Cardboard Products**



Mattresses*



Usable Clothing & Household items



Green Waste*



Soft Plastics**



Plastic Ag Chemical Drums



Scrap Metal



House & Vehicle Batteries



Motor Oil

**Dungog
Waste
Management
Facility**

*fee charged
**fee for commercial operators



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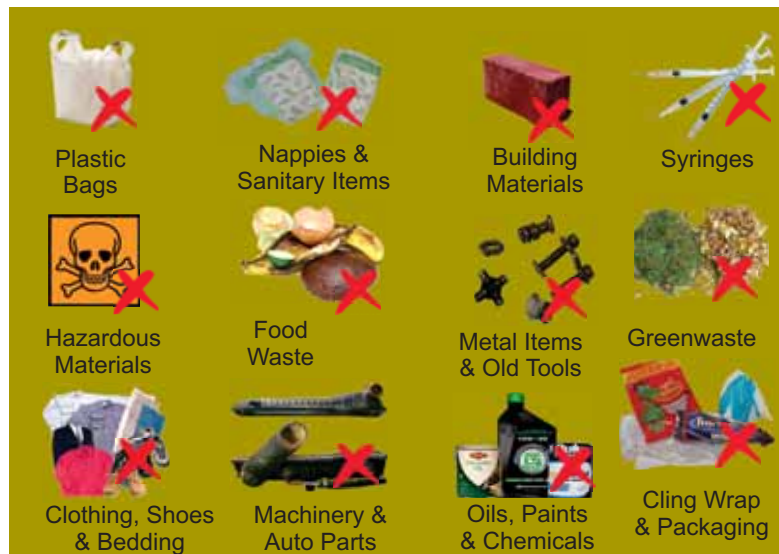


Recycling Contamination

Contaminates are anything that doesn't belong in your yellow bin. They can include plastic bags, food scraps, metal machinery and offcuts, toys, clothing, bedding, E-waste and more.

Contamination can cause problems at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) as they get caught in the sorting equipment and can cause serious damage. This increases the costs of recovering recyclables and over time may contribute to a rise in the annual domestic waste charges.

Because of this all recyclables should be placed loose into the bin.



Recycling FAQs

Why is recycling so important?

Australia is the second highest producer of waste per person in the world. We each produce over 600 kilograms of waste per year.

All waste materials represent an investment of resources such as water, oil, timber and coal. If these waste materials end up in landfill those resources are lost forever. Recycling ensures that these resources aren't lost and helps protect the environment for future generations.

How clean should recycling be?

Recyclable materials don't need to be spotless, but they should be clean of food scraps and dry when placed in the bin. It's best to use old washing up water when cleaning recyclables to prevent wasting water.

Why can't plastic bags go in the recycling bin?

Plastic Bags cannot be recycled through the yellow bin system as they can get caught in the machinery at the Materials Recovery Facility and pose a potential health risk to workers.

Dungog Shire Council has introduced a **SOFT PLASTIC drop off point at its waste management facility at Short St Dungog**. Drop in your clean soft plastics and bags, so that they can be recycled and do not end up in terrestrial or marine environments.

We also encourage you to consider Council supported alternatives like **BOOMERANG BAGS** aiming to eliminate plastic bags in Dungog through providing reusable bags at commercial outlets throughout the Shire. Keep an eye out for the distinctive Boomerang Bags and **BECOME INVOLVED**.

Some supermarkets also accept returned plastic bags and send them to be recycled.

Why can't tools and other metal items go into the recycling bin?

While steel and aluminium cans are recyclable other metal items such as car parts, wire and old tools cannot be placed in the yellow bin. They become caught in the screening equipment at the Materials Recovery Facility and cause serious damage.