

Soft Plastics



Soft Plastics should not be put in the Recycling bin, they can get caught in machinery and cause damage. Repairs impact production and increase prices. They can also cause injury to employees when they are repairing the machinery.

Soft plastics, such as grocery bags can easily get caught up by the wind and float around in our environment. They look nasty and they can cause injury to wildlife if they get stuck in them or try to eat it.

There are a number of locations where you can recycle your soft plastics in Dungog, but the Yellow bin, isn't the right place.

When you collect your bags, consider the ways you can reduce plastic waste, including shopping bags.



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**Dungog
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Management
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**fee for commercial operators



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Soft Plastics FAQs

Why is it so important that we remove soft plastics from the environment?

Plastic is a wonderful thing, it is durable and cheap - a 60g jug can hold 4 litres of milk!

Unfortunately because it is so cheap, items like bags, straws, cutlery and cups are designed to be used only once.

9 million tons of plastic ends up in the ocean every year - from parks and roadsides travelling through creeks to get there.

Large plastic debris tangle animals and causes painful deaths, but it is when the sun starts to break down the

plastics, into tiny confetti like micro-plastics, is the real problem.

Fish and other sea mammals confuse the plastics for food and eat it, which interferes with their growth and development.

These micro-plastics also absorb toxins from the environment which accumulate as they move up the food chain, sometimes ending on our plate.

But there is something we can all do.

We currently only recycle 10% of all plastics. Let's make a change - for good!

What types are accepted?

- Electrical packaging
- Supermarket/retail store bags
- Produce packaging (soft flexible type)
- Bread bags
- Rice/Pasta/Spaghetti packaging
- Lolly packets
- Toilet paper /paper towel outer packaging
- Newspaper/magazine outer packaging
- Toy packaging (soft flexible type)
- Postage bags
- Clothing /dry cleaning bags

- Cereal insert packaging
- Biscuit outer packaging
- Snap lock / zip lock bags
- Bubble/appliance wrap
- Frozen vegetable bags

PLEASE AVOID:

- Food waste, scraps or crumbs
- Dirty or smelly cling wrap
- Cold or raw meat packaging
- Wet packaging



What can I use instead?

1. Switch to a reusable coffee cup to drink your takeaway coffee - or sit in the Café to enjoy it.
2. Take a refillable water bottle when you go out.
3. Eat in instead of getting takeaway.
4. Say NO to straws.
5. Use your own produce bags at the supermarket or produce store.

6. Take your own container to the deli or wholefoods store.
7. Buy goods in bulk.
8. Support local farmers markets.
9. Make your own bathroom & kitchen products.
10. Support local groups like Boomerang Bags and help make a difference to our community :)