

Cheers to Queensland:

Container refund scheme expands to include glass wine and pure spirit bottles



To support Queensland's transition towards becoming a zero-waste society, from 1 November, glass wine and pure spirit bottles can be returned for a 10-cent refund through Containers for Change.

Containers for Change has refunded over eight billion containers in just five years.

Beyond the environmental benefits, Containers for Change has also had far-reaching positive effects on our communities across the state. Over \$702 million has been refunded to Queenslanders, and an additional

\$10.9 million channelled towards charities, schools, and community groups. This not only helped to strengthen the bonds within our communities but has also supported vital causes that make a real difference.

So, next time you finish a bottle of wine or pure spirits don't forget to take them to a refund point with your other refundable containers, even if it doesn't have the refund mark on it yet.

[More information](#)

Festival of pre-loved stuff at the Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail supports people to reuse clothing and household items, saving them from landfill.

Over three million kilograms of 'stuff' was given a second life last year by more than 300,000 Australians who shopped or sold at 15,000 garage sales across the country.

With the support of the Queensland Government, the Garage Sale Trail will take place this November with two big weekends of garage sales. You can get involved by hosting a sale or shopping the trail. [Find the sales near you.](#)

Extending the life of our clothing and household items by reusing and repurposing them is a simple action we can all take to keep valuable materials in circulation and prevent them going to landfill.



[More information](#)

Monitoring Queensland's waste and resource recovery performance

A new online data platform and interactive reporting tool has been published [on our website](#), making waste and resource recovery data more accessible.

We collect data annually from councils and businesses to monitor Queensland's waste and resource

recovery performance and produce the [Recycling and Waste in Queensland report](#). This data also helps inform business strategy and planning, investment decisions and policy and program development.

National Recycling Week



National Recycling Week is 13 – 19 November 2023 - a great time to think about how we're recycling at home.

We know recycling is important to Queenslanders but most of us recognise we could be doing more.

One way to [make sorting your recycling](#) simple is to keep a separate basket or container in your kitchen, laundry and bathroom to place your recyclable materials before they go out to your yellow lid bin.

[Check with your local council](#) about which materials are accepted in your yellow lid bin.



When paper and cardboard is recycled it can be made into other items like toilet rolls, egg cartons and packaging.

Did you know you can pop your used wrapping paper straight in your recycling bin?
Just avoid foil or glittery paper as it can't be recycled.

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Green thumbs unite to Grow it Local

Are you looking to participate more in your community and put that green thumb to good use?

The Queensland Government is supporting [Grow It Local](#), an organisation that aims to get more Queenslanders growing their own food, reducing food waste and connecting with other gardeners.

Grow It Local provides an opportunity to learn how to grow and cook nutritious food, with access to edible plant seeds and expert gardening advice.

[Join the Grow It Local community](#) today or check if your local council is a partner to get involved.

[Find out more about reducing food waste](#)



Reduce your waste over the festive season

For many Queenslanders, the festive season is a time of celebration but also a time of producing extra waste. Here are a few ways you can reduce your household's waste during this time:

Reduce food waste: prepare only what you need, store food appropriately and use your leftovers to reduce household food waste and save money. [Find out more here.](#)

Reuse: The last thing you want to be doing after a party is washing the dishes, but using reusable items like plates, cutlery and napkins helps reduce your waste. Plus, they look a whole lot better than plastic, right?!

Rethink: Don't buy for the sake of buying gifts, consider an experience or donation to a charity rather than buying objects.



Funding and grants

Find out about the latest assistance that is available for waste resource and recovery activities.

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