

# WASTE NOTes

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If you have a yellow lid bin knowing what items can go in it will help make sure we're recycling as much as we can and recycling correctly.

We can all do our part at home to ensure we are recycling correctly. There are five materials that can be recycled in your yellow lid bin.

1. Clean paper and cardboard
2. Glass bottles and jars
3. Aluminum
4. Steel
5. Hard plastics

Items like plastic bags, clothing, food waste, and soft plastics should not be placed in your yellow lid bin.

Recycling helps reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill which is good for the environment and your community. It also creates jobs and contributes to economic growth.

[Read more about recycling at home here](#) or for information on recycling in your area contact your [local council](#).



Keeping your recycling loose when it goes into the yellow lid bin ensures that your recycling is processed correctly.

When we say 'loose,' we mean that items should not be put into plastic bags or wrapped up in any way. Soft plastics, like plastic bags, can't be recycled through your yellow lid bin. When these materials end up in the yellow lid bin, it may lead to recyclable materials being sent to landfill instead of being recycled.

Keeping your recycling loose also means that it can be sorted and processed more easily and efficiently. When recycling is collected, it's taken to a facility where it's sorted by material type. This process is made easier when items are loose, as it allows for better identification and sorting of materials. If items are wrapped up or put into bags, they can get caught in the machinery and cause delays in the sorting process.

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## Have your say on the future of e-product recycling

We're looking at ways to improve the recycling of electronic waste, including solar panels and batteries.

Under the draft [E-Products Action Plan](#), solar panels could be banned from landfills within a decade. Over \$1.1 billion will be committed towards establishing a recycling industry in the regions and diverting 80 percent of e-waste from landfills by 2030. A pilot project called the Solar Stewardship Scheme will also be initiated to divert end-of-life solar panels from landfills and recover their materials.



**Email your feedback on the draft action plan to [eproductsfeedback@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:eproductsfeedback@des.qld.gov.au) by 5pm on 5 May 2023.**

## Expanding the container refund scheme



From 1 November 2023, glass wine and pure spirit bottles will be eligible for a 10-cent refund when returned to a container refund point in Queensland.

Over 6,600 Queenslanders recently provided feedback on expanding the container refund scheme during the consultation process.

There was overwhelming support for expanding the scheme, with more than 99 per cent in favour of more containers being included.

Before 1 November 2023, glass wine and spirit bottles will not be accepted at refund points and should still be placed in your yellow lid bin or taken to your local transfer station, where these services are available.

More information:

[Containers for Change](#)

[Eligible containers](#)

[Consultation results](#)

## Food rescue grants helps people in need and save food from landfill

Ten food rescue projects from across Queensland have received \$2.9 million to purchase or upgrade their infrastructure and equipment and hire essential staff to collect and distribute food.

This investment will fund close to six million meals for people in need, keep 2,993 tonnes of good food out of landfill and create more than 13 full-time equivalent jobs.

The Food Rescue Grant Program, which is in its second round, is a crucial step towards building a more sustainable and equitable food system in Queensland.



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