

What's in your waste bin?

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Have you considered what rubbish is in the average household waste bin on the Gold Coast? Kerbside waste bins are transported to secure landfill but there is a variety of materials that we consider waste which are actually valuable resources. All together, more than 76 per cent of the average household waste bin could be recycled.

■ Recyclable plastic – 3 per cent

Plastics are made from finite resources such as crude oil, coal and natural gas. Recyclable plastic containers can be placed in your yellow lid recycling bin.

■ Metals – 4 per cent

All metal cans, tins and empty aerosols can be recycled through your yellow lid recycling bin. Scrap metal recycling facilities are also located at all Council waste transfer stations.

■ Recyclable glass – 3 per cent

Glass bottles and jars are 100 per cent recyclable and can be easily placed in your yellow lid household recycling bin.

■ Recyclable paper and cardboard – 12 per cent

Newspapers and magazines are the largest fraction of this waste which is completely recyclable in your yellow lid household recycling bin. Excess cardboard can be taken to your local waste transfer station (free of charge for Gold Coast residents).



■ Food and kitchen waste – 25 per cent

This includes all types of food scraps. When this waste goes to landfill it creates greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Food and kitchen waste makes excellent food for a home composting bin or worm farm.

■ Green waste – 29 per cent

This includes lawn clippings and garden prunings. It can be easily recycled in your home composting bin or taken to your local Council waste transfer station to be recycled into compost products, or renewable energy.

■ The rest – 24 per cent

The rest of your bin waste is made up of materials including nappies, clothing, shoes, wood, non-recyclable packaging, small appliances and household hazardous wastes. By avoiding certain products, reusing and recycling, many of these items could be removed from the waste bin. Council and other organisations offer a variety of recycling options to help.

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