

Waste & Recycling Guide



Waste & Recycling Centres

Bemboka

Adams Street, Bemboka

Phone 0437 856 347

Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, mattresses, tyres, scrap metal and motor oils.

Bermagui

Strudwicks Road, Bermagui

Phone (02) 6493 5248

Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, scrap metal, garden waste, mattresses, tyres and motor oils.

Candelo

Kemps Lane off Mogilla Road, Candelo

Phone (02) 6493 2354 or 0437 725 751

Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, mattresses, tyres, scrap metal and motor oils.

Eden

Princes Highway, Eden

Phone (02) 6496 3798 or 0427 205 051

Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, scrap metal, garden waste, mattresses, tyres, motor oils and clean, uncontaminated brick or concrete.

Merimbula

Red Hill Road, Merimbula

Phone (02) 6495 2674

Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, scrap metal, garden waste, mattresses, tyres and motor oils.

Wallagoot

Old Wallagoot Road, Wallagoot

Phone (02) 6494 5050

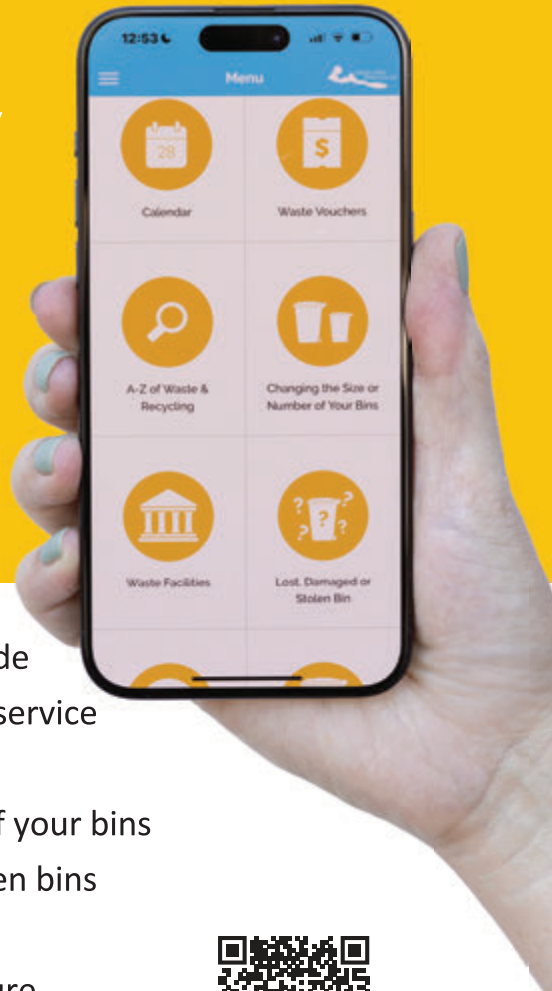
Items accepted General solid waste, recyclables, scrap metal, garden waste, mattresses, tyres and motor oils.

Compost sales available at Bermagui, Eden, Merimbula and Wallagoot, subject to availability.

Check the **Waste App** for opening times, or call the Centre direct.

Bega Valley Waste App

Council's FREE Waste App gives you recycling tips, a place to access your free waste vouchers, and even reminds you when it's bin night.



- A-Z of Waste & Recycling guide
- Report an issue or request a service
- Waste and Recycling Centres
- Change the size or number of your bins
- Report lost, damaged or stolen bins
- Waste fees and charges
- Recycling Near Me map feature
- Bin collection calendar
- Compost fact sheet
- FOGO questions



Download now



Snap Send Solve

A **great app** to easily capture and report common issues such as broken playground equipment or illegal dumping.



FOGO

Food Organics Garden Organics

What can go in my FOGO bin?



Flowers and leaves



Food waste including fruit, vegetables, bread, rice, pasta and coffee grounds



Plants and shrub prunings



Meat, bones and seafood



Grass clippings and weeds



Small branches up to 50mm diameter



Certified compostable caddy liners



No thanks

DO NOT place these in your FOGO bin

- Cardboard and paper
- Compostable or biodegradable labelled items and packaging
- Dead animals
- Garden equipment
- Kitty litter
- Logs, stumps and treated timber
- Nappies and wipes
- Paper towels
- Pet waste
- Pizza boxes
- Plant pots
- Plastic flowers and plants
- Rocks and soil
- Sawdust
- Stickers on fruit and vegetables
- Tea bags



Did you know?

- We only accept **certified commercially compostable liners** for kitchen caddies. Look for the **Australian standard AS 4736** and seedling logo.
- Using your FOGO bin correctly allows for **organics to be composted** and helps protect our environment.



Kerbside Contamination Policy

Has your bin been tagged? It may mean a contaminant has been detected, such as plastic in your FOGO bin or prohibited items such as asbestos.

You are ultimately responsible for the contents of your bin, and detection of major contamination from in-truck camera recordings may lead to further action being taken.

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to find out more.

RECYCLING

What can go in my recycling bin?



Milk and food/juice cartons



Newspapers and magazines



Plastic bottles and containers



Hard Plastics



Aerosol cans (empty)



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminium and steel cans



Clean paper and cardboard



No thanks

DO NOT place these in your recycling bin

- Batteries
- Broken glass
- Ceramics
- Compostable or biodegradable labelled items and packaging
- Clothing and textiles
- Food-soiled cardboard and paper
- Mirrors
- Paper towels
- Plant pots
- Polystyrene foam
- Pyrex
- Recyclables in plastic bags
- Shredded paper
- Soft plastics
- Takeaway coffee cups



Did you know?

- Redeem **10c per eligible container** on many household beverage containers at your nearest **Return and Earn**. Visit our website to find a Return and Earn facility near you.
- Lids **larger than a credit card** can be placed in your recycling bin separately.



**Don't bag
your
recycling.**

Bagged items
cannot be recycled.

LANDFILL

What can go in my landfill bin?



Polystyrene foam



Items and packaging labelled compostable or biodegradable



Coffee cups



Pet waste



Pyrex, mirrors, ceramics and broken glass



Wipes



Soft plastics



Nappies



Clothing and textiles

No thanks

DO NOT place these in your landfill bin

- Aerosol cans, full or part-full*
- Building and demolition waste
- Car batteries*
- Car parts*
- Chemicals and paints
- Electronic waste
- Fire extinguishers*
- Fluorescent tubes/ globes*
- Gas cylinders*
- Household batteries*
- Motor and other oils
- Sharps and medical waste
- Smoke detectors*

*Many of these hazardous items can be recycled for FREE at our  Community Recycling Centres



Did you know?

- **Do not place batteries in your bins!** They can cause fires in our trucks, landfill sites and in your bin.
- Remember to **remove batteries from broken items** before placing them in the bin.
- You can **upsized or downsize your bins** or request additional bins for your property. Contact Council on (02) 6499 2222 or visit the Waste App.



Needles, sharps and unwanted medicines

Needles and sharps can be dropped off at Bega - South East Regional Hospital, Pambula Health Service and Eden Community Health.

Return unwanted or expired medicines to your local pharmacy.

Visit findapharmacy.com.au

Where does your waste go?



LANDFILL BIN – Sent to our local landfill.



RECYCLING BIN – Transported to a Materials Recovery Facility outside of the shire where it is sorted and prepared for reprocessing at other facilities.



FOGO BIN – Dropped off to a local composting facility to be made into compost used for gardens and agriculture.

How to present your bins for collection

- Keep bins 0.5 metre apart and at least 2 metres away from obstructions such as parked cars and trees.
- Place bins at the kerb with the opening to the road, and close bin lids.
- If you're struggling to pull the bin, it's probably too heavy for our trucks to lift and empty (80kg limit).
- Place bins out the night before and bring in once they have been emptied.



The right place for problem waste

Community Recycling Centre (CRC)*

The Community Recycling Centre located at the Merimbula Waste and Recycling Centre is a drop-off point for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via Council's kerbside waste and recycling collection services. Paint, fire extinguishers, gas bottles, fluorescent globes and tubes, smoke detectors, aerosol cans, motor and other oils, household and car batteries can all be dropped off **FREE**.

Cover battery terminals with tape to reduce fire risk.

Mobile CRC*

Scheduled visits at Bermagui, Wallagoot and Eden Waste and Recycling Centres.

Accepted items: paints, fire extinguishers, gas bottles, fluorescent globes and tubes, smoke detectors, cooking oils and household batteries.



Community Recycling Stations – libraries*

Smoke detectors, household batteries, mobile phones and ink cartridges can all be dropped off **FREE** at our Community Recycling Stations at the Eden, Tura Beach, Bermagui and Bega libraries.

Visit begavalley.nsw.gov.au/services/community-recycling-centre or the Waste App for more information.

Household Chemical CleanOut

FREE and safe disposal of household chemicals at annual Chemical CleanOut events. For more information visit the **Waste App** or **cleanout.com.au**

* Household limits only

Sort your waste and save!

Take items to a Waste and Recycling Centre near you. Separating your load can save you fees because some items are free to drop off.

Load your vehicle with landfill waste (non-recyclables)

Load your vehicle with items that can be recycled for no charge

Load your vehicle with items that may be accepted at the Reuse Shop

Drop off for free*

Selected Waste and Recycling Centres take these items for free:

- Excess recycling from your recycling bin (loads less than 1 cubic metre)
- Metal waste including washing machines and dryers
- Items that could be resold at the Reuse Shop, ask our staff
- Gas bottles, paint, fire extinguishers, fluoro globes and tubes, aerosol cans, smoke detectors, motor and other oils, household and car batteries
- Cardboard (loads less than 1 cubic metre).

*limits apply



Reuse Shops

Give your unwanted gear a new home or pick up a bargain!

If your items are in good working condition and considered **worthy of re-sale by our staff**, you can leave them for free at one of our five Reuse Shops at our Waste and Recycling Centres.

Items that may be accepted include:

Household items,
including furniture

Renovation items,
including doors and
windows

Bikes and sporting
equipment

Books and toys

Collectables

Lawn mowers

Tools and garden
shed equipment

Bric-a-brac

WE DO NOT ACCEPT clothing, textiles, electrical items, children's car seats, highchairs, baby rockers, prams or safety equipment.

If you have items you would like to donate to a Reuse Shop, please talk to our staff before dropping off. Items deemed not suitable for resale will be diverted to either recycling or landfill (fees/charges may apply).



A to Z guide to Waste & Recycling

Unsure what items go where?

Visit the A-Z of Waste & Recycling guide on Council's website or Waste App to check what goes in which bin.

The guide also gives you other disposal options for common household items and everyday products.



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to access the Waste & Recycling guide or visit the Waste App.

Change the size of your bin

You can upsize or downsize your bins to suit your needs. Additional charges apply for upsizing. Downsizing may reduce charges.

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to find out more or visit the Waste App.

Free Fill - is it worth it?

Watch out for dishonest suppliers selling what they say is 'clean fill' (excavated dirt). In many cases this contains building waste, chemicals and asbestos.

Ask your supplier for a written report certifying the quality of the fill, and where it comes from. If you suspect someone is doing the wrong thing, phone the EPA on 131 555.



FREE waste vouchers at your fingertips

Property owners can access free waste vouchers through the Waste App. Vouchers are issued in August and December. Share your vouchers easily with family, friends and tenants by sending a screenshot of the voucher.



1 Download the Bega Valley Waste App to your smartphone

2 Enter your residential address (exactly as it appears on your rates notice)

3 Enter your rates assessment number

Each voucher allows free drop-off for:

- 0.5 cubic metre of general waste (landfill) **OR**
- 1 cubic metre of garden waste (not accepted at all centres) **OR**
- 1 innerspring mattress **OR**
- 1 fridge or freezer **OR**
- Redeemable for 1 cubic metre of compost (subject to availability).

Report a Tosser!

Report a Tosser gives the community power to report cases of littering from vehicles. Report to the NSW EPA via reportlitter.epa.nsw.gov.au/s/

Don't be a Tosser!

If it's not in the bin, it's on you.



"I didn't think I could get fined."

Victoria, Lyster





Choose the right bin

Keep the Bega Valley beautiful

Contact Bega Valley
Shire Council
(02) 6499 2222
council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au
Zingel Place
PO Box 492
Bega NSW 2550

Visit

begavalley.nsw.gov.au/waste

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 Bega Valley Waste & Recycling

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