



SOSJ Recycling Directory

Avoid, reduce, and reuse are the best practices to follow, however, there will always be consumer items that we cannot avoid completely.

This basic directory identifies recycling options for specific items within Australia, and is designed to complement the Planet Ark recycling directory: www.recyclingnearyou.com.au

Please email additional recycling information to communications@sosj.org.au and the directory will be updated.

ITEM	WHERE	HOW	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Air-fresheners (including car and home plug-ins), and aerosol cans.	Household Chemical Clean Out event or local Community Recycling Centre.		Plug-in air fresheners are classified as e-waste (see electronics).
Aluminium foil (including seals from yoghurt tubs and other dairy products)	In your kerbside recycling bin	Scrunch loosely in a ball the size of your fist before recycling	Keep adding foil to the ball (tennis ball size is ideal for the sorting processes)
Balls – sports	Rebel Sports	Find a local store near you: www.rebelsport.com.au	
Batteries – regular cylindrical and button cell / coin shapes including A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, and 6V	Designated collection points including Officeworks, Bunnings, Mitre 10, Aldi, IKEA, Drakes (SA)	Storage in a glass jar is Recommended.	Caution needed with 9v batteries from smoke alarms and garden timers – they can catch fire if the terminals are shorted. Put tape across the terminals.
Batteries – Lithium-ion rechargeable from devices such as computers, mobile phones, cordless appliances and tools.	Officeworks, Bunnings (accepts power tool batteries), Battery World, Tool Kit Depot.		
Blister packs from tablets and pills	Participating pharmacies including Blooms the Chemist and Chemists Own (All States), National Pharmacy (NSW, SA, VIC).		

Cardboard and paper	In your kerbside recycling bin, your local Community Recycling Centre, and IKEA.		In each IKEA store near the exit and after the checkouts, you will find the recycling disposal area. Large bins for cardboard recycling are also located in IKEA underground car parks.
Clothing	Charity and thrift shop bins, neighbourhood collections including Red Nose, Church4Life, or your local Repair Café.		Charities only accept clean items for reuse. Repair Cafes can repair or mend clothing for reuse.
Coffee Pods [aluminium]	Companies such as Nespresso provide collection points and post back services for their pods.	Check for local collection points hosted by www.terracycle.com/en-AU	
Dog and Cat food packaging	Most Vet Clinics through www.terracycle.com and Soft Plastics Recycling through your local Community Recycling Centre.		Packaging must be empty and clean.
E-Waste: electronics including computers, laptops, iPods, USB and hard drives, headsets, modems, monitors and screens, cords, phones, docking stations, play stations, chargers, etc.	Local Government pick up and/or collection points at your local Community Recycling Centre.		Officeworks will accept small e-waste items that fit in their collection points at the store front door.
Fabric and sewing items	Local organisations including Boomerang Bags, Quilting groups, Repair Cafes.	Find a local Boomerang Bags Community near you: https://boomerangbags.org or Repair Café near you: www.repaircafe.org	Some Thrift shops such as Savers package up oddments of sewing items for resale.
Fishing Rig	Selected BCF stores, Tangaroa Blue “Rig Recycle” boxes, or free post through OzFish Program “Tackle Loop”	Tangaroa Blue Foundation: https://recyclemate.com.au Tackle Loop: https://ozfish.org.au/projects/tackle-loop/	
Garden Tools	Donate to your local Community Garden or your local Library branch for the “Library of Stuff”.		
Gladwrap and plastic film	Soft Plastics Recycling through your local Community Recycling Centre, or Curby Program kerbside recycling bin, if available in your area.		As an alternative to plastic wrap, make your own beeswax food covers and wraps.

Hand-tools, power tools, and hardware	Your local Men's Shed	Find a local Men's Shed www.mensshed.org	
Hearing Aid's	Amplifon Australia Clinics, Bloom Hearing Specialists, and Lions Club International	Amplifon NextSense Program: www.amplifon.com Lions Club: www.lionsclub.org	They are generally refurbished and donated to people around the world who are less fortunate.
Household paint	Paint Back Program (Australia wide) or Household Chemical Clean Out (NSW)	www.paintback.com.au www.epa.nsw.gov.au	Enter your postcode to find collection points near you.
Kitchen cleaning product containers including dishwashing liquid bottles, and spray bottles.	Most plastic containers including spray bottles can be recycled through your kerbside recycling bin. Any container with residual chemicals can be managed through your local Household Chemical Clean Out (NSW) event or local Community Recycling Centre	www.epa.nsw.gov.au	Enter your postcode to find collection points near you.
Mobile phones	Designated collection points including Mobile Muster boxes and Officeworks stores	Mobile Muster: www.mobilemuster.com.au	Mobile phones in good working order are collected by charities and organisations who pass these on to others in need of a mobile phone.
Oral Care products including plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubs and caps, floss containers.	Bupa Dental Centres, Colgate Community Hubs (in collaboration with Terracycle), and Banish Recycling.	Healthy Teeth Healthy Planet Program: www.bupa.com.au www.banish.com.au offer a mail-back recycling service, www.terracycle.com/colgate	
Pens, markers, biros, felt tip, textas, highlighters, mechanical pencils, correction tape, liquid paper, fountain pens and ink cartridges.	Officeworks	See recycling wall at the entrance to the store.	
Polystyrene	Your local Community Recycling Centre, or kerbside recycling bin*.	www.arl.org.au	*if the item has the Australasian recycling label, then it can be recycled through your kerbside recycling bin.
Plastic bread tags	www.banish.com.au offer a mail-back recycling service	join the bread tag project: www.facebook.com/breadtagproject/	Plastic bread tags are being phased out across Australia.

Plastic plant pots and seedling trays	Bunnings stores Australia-wide	There is usually a collection crate at the entrance or exit to the in-store nursery.	Should be clean or washed to ensure contaminants are not passed on to other gardens.
Printer cartridges – from laser and inkjet printers	Officeworks, participating outlets of Australia Post, Cartridge World, Harvey Norman, The Good Guys, JB Hi-Fi, Office National, Office Products Depot.		
Reading glasses	Specsavers, OPSM, Salvation Army Stores, Lions Clubs Australia		Prescription glasses are collected by some Service Clubs distributed to the visually impaired.
Sheets, quilt covers and towels.	Sheridan Stores, RSPCA, or Give a Sheet for the Planet.	https://giveasheetfortheplanet.com	
Sports shoes, runners, sneakers, sandshoes	Athletes Foot Rebel Sports Local drives eg schools	Rebel Sports is through the Treat Lightly Program: www.treadlightly.asga.com.au	Doesn't need to be a pair, odd is okay
Take away coffee cups, ice cream and gelato cups.	Lids can go in your kerbside recycling bin or public recycling bins. Simply Cups have units in most shopping centres.	Look for the https://www.simplycups.com.au units at your local cafes, shops, and banks.	Replace your take aways with a barista standard Keep Cup, water bottles, or bowl: www.keepcup.com
Wet suits	Rip Curl Australia	www.ripcurl.com.au	
Wool, yarn, fibre	Charity and thrift shops, or a local textile artists.		Pass on to those who make toys, beanies and scarves for those in need.
X-rays and images	Siltech PMR drop-off locations (NSW, VIC) otherwise through your local Household Chemical Clean Out event.		Films contain silver and this is what they extract and recover for future use.

Other options for recycling of less common items include:

TerraCycle <https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/#@-25.274398:133.775136zoom:4>

ReSmart (formerly RecycleSmart) <https://resmart.co>

These are 'pay as you go' type services.