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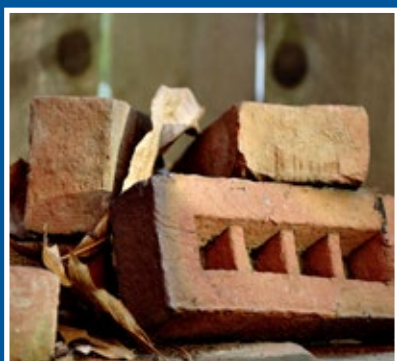
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Pic: Blended compost from Nutrarich

What to do with: Bricks?



Construction and demolition waste (C&D) should never be disposed of in your green or yellow-topped bin.

You can use our mobile recycling app to locate your nearest local construction and demolition waste disposal site, landfill site or transfer station.

Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the app and search for more A-Z of Recycling entries on our website :
recycleright.wa.gov.au

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A Waste Journey - from the bin to Brookton

Have you ever considered what actually happens to your rubbish once it leaves your vergeside collection? We have been filming a new video to provide a closer look at the journey items undergo in the resource recovery process. Using a combination of equipment, including GoPro cameras and drone videography, the footage will give a unique view of the Materials Recovery Facility, the Green Waste Facility and the Waste Composting Facility. The video also includes Nutrarich's processing facility in Brookton where RRRC's compost is blended for agricultural use. The film will be available for viewing shortly on our website.



Pics: Production crew on location at the Nutrarich processing facility in Brookton.



RRRC on The Garden Gurus

You may have noticed Recycle Right and the Canning Vale Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) on Channel 9's popular The Garden Gurus show recently.

Three new episodes went to air in October. The first discusses four points for effective yellow-topped bin use whilst the second follows the 'dirty dozen' of waste and the final focuses on the Garage Sale Trail.

To view the episodes, visit:
recycleright.wa.gov.au/recycle-right-on-garden-gurus-tv-2015/



Pic: The Garden Gurus at the MRF.



Which Bin: Books?



Books should be donated. There are many charities, community centres and schools that gladly welcome contributions of books. If a book cannot be donated, it should be placed in your **yellow-topped bin**.

To locate your nearest charity download the Recycle Right app available for free at the App Store or Google Play.

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Fast Facts: Lighting

Did you know?

Installing low energy light globes in your house is one of the simplest ways you can reduce your energy and waste footprint.

Over 50% of Australian houses have inefficient lighting.

Low energy light globes use only 20% of the energy that traditional incandescent globes use*.

Low energy globes last on average eight times longer. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are the most energy efficient forms of lighting.

What can you do?

Choose CFLs or LEDs. They use up to 80% less energy to produce the same amount of light and cost less to run.

Solar powered lights are an energy efficient way to light your driveway and garden path.

Always dispose of your globes correctly. CFLs contain mercury, cannot be placed in your household bins and must be taken your nearest Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) disposal site. Check the Recycle Right app for drop-off points near you.

Sources: Environmental Victoria - environmentvictoria.org.au & Sustainability Victoria - sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/households/energy-efficiency/at-home/lighting

Fremantle's One Planet Fest-a-con



The City of Fremantle hosted the inaugural One Planet Anti-Conference on 23 and 24 September, bringing together sustainability ideas, issues and achievements from around the world.

SMRC CEO Tim Youé was invited to speak on the zero waste topic "how can we make Western Australia the resource recovery epicentre of the world?"

Tim, along with other guest speakers Rebecca Brown (WALGA), Jake Hickey (Instant Waste) and Jenny Campbell (Encycle), discussed the challenges and achievements of waste management in the State.

For more information on the Anti Conference, visit:

www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/fest-a-con



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RRRC Tours

Would you like to see what happens to your rubbish?

We run free tours of the **Regional Resource Recovery Centre** from Monday to Friday and once a month on a Saturday for anyone interested in understanding exactly what happens after the vergeside bin collection.

Schools, community groups and individuals are welcome and bookings are essential.

The next community tour dates open to families and individuals are:

Saturday 7 November

Saturday 28 November

Other dates can be arranged for groups. To discuss your tour requirements, please contact Emma Baker on **9256 9528** or tours@smrc.com.au



Pics: Members of the Recycle Right team, CAG members and Faerie Cara at the Perth Royal Show

Recycle Right at the Perth Royal Show

Recycle Right once again joined in the festivities at the 2015 Perth Royal Show. Team members and volunteers ran free fun recycling activities for kids. These included origami seed pots, using soil from our compost partner Nutrarich and sun catchers reusing old compact discs. The team was also joined by the popular entertainer, Eco Faerie Cara, who added a little magic to the message.

Recycle Right's involvement at the show, supported by the Waste Authority, provided an opportunity to interact with families and to answer questions about recycling. It also enabled a conversation about sustainability and waste reduction and encouraged people to think about both their household footprint and purchasing decisions at the show.



Win! Waste Free Lunch Competition

Waste Free Lunch Competition

As part of National Recycling Week we are giving away a 'waste free lunch' pack to one lucky reader. The pack contains an aluminium drink bottle, sandwich wraps and weigh bags from Onya, as well as biodegradable bin liners from Compost-A-Pak. To enter simply email your best idea for waste reduction at home to: tours@smrc.com.au

National Recycling Week 2015



Pic: Friday File Fling Source: NRW

National Recycling Week (NRW) 2015 runs from 9 to 15 November.

Planet Ark founded National Recycling Week to bring a national focus to the environmental benefits of recycling. Now in its 20th year, this established and highly regarded annual campaign continues to inspire behaviour change, by promoting kerbside, industrial and community recycling. The initiative also gives people the tools to minimise waste and manage material resources responsibly.

There's a range of activities you can take part in at home, work or school. These include the Friday File Fling which involves recycling tonnes of paper, de-cluttering offices and ensuring paper goes back into the recycling stream.

Other activities include a Schools Recycle Right Challenge and the Big Aussie Swap Party.

For more information and a list of events near you, visit: recyclingweek.planetark.org

Infinity Awards 2015: Finalist

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council's Recycle Right education program is a finalist in the Waste Authority's Infinity Awards for the third year running in the Local Government category.

The Infinity Awards recognise individuals, business, local/regional government and State Government agencies and community organisations that demonstrate innovation and commitment to reducing waste and increasing re-use and recycling.

The awards coincide with National Recycling Week, (9 - 15 November) with presentations on Friday 6 November at the Perth Zoo.

The initiative supports the Waste Authority's strategic objective to acknowledge the success of individuals and organisations that assist with the aims and principles of waste reduction.

For more information visit:
wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/infinity-awards

Find out if Recycle Right is a winner in next month's edition.

Waste and Recycle Conference



Pic: The Recycle Right stand at the Waste and Recycle Conference

Recycle Right and the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council took part in the Waste and Recycle Conference in Fremantle again this year. As well as having a booth with waste and recycling information, Community Engagement and Communications Officer Taryn Davis gave a presentation on new technology and tools for waste education.

Royal Show Competition Winners

We'd like to congratulate both Keith from Cambridge and Cassie Doyle who won our competitions at this year's Perth Royal Show.

Keith will take away one cubic metre of compost generously donated by our soil partner Nutrarich for correctly

guessing the 453 kilogram weight of a bale of plastic from the MRF.

Cassie won our worm farm competition with great suggestions for reusing items at home. Happy worm farming and thanks to all who entered!