



WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

YOUR GUIDE TO RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION IN GAWLER



The Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) is a regional subsidiary of the Cities of Playford and Salisbury and the Town of Gawler. It operates under best practice principles through the Local Government Act to facilitate waste management within the region.

NAWMA also provides waste management services to rural (client) Councils including Adelaide Hills, Barossa, Barunga, Clare/Gilbert, Copper Coast, Goyder Regional, Light Regional, Mallala, Mount Remarkable, Peterborough, Wakefield Council and Yorke Peninsula.

NAWMA coordinates kerbside waste management collection services for over 100,000 households in the Gawler, Playford and Salisbury region with its core business activity in processing recyclables and responsible disposal of residual waste.

NAWMA administers and operates the Waste Processing Facility for the sorting of recyclables for market, the baling of waste for landfill and the new Resource Recovery Centre, incorporating a public drive-through Waste Transfer Station at Edinburgh North (formerly Elizabeth West). It also manages the landfill at Uleybury.

FACING UP TO REALITIES

No individual, business, community, government or nation can avoid the consequences of their waste. Communities increasingly understand that to do nothing about the way we manage our waste is no longer an option.

By having separate bins for household rubbish, recycling, garden and food organics, the amount of material going to landfill is

significantly reduced, and that's good for the environment. The residents of Gawler should be commended as the current recovery rate from landfill is around 45 per cent. This is a huge increase since the initial introduction of recycling back in 1993. Another advantage for residents is being able to place all food scraps directly into their garden organics bin.

WASTE SERVICES

Residents in Gawler benefit from technologically advanced and environmentally friendly kerbside collection services for domestic waste, recyclables, and garden and food organics.

A three bin collection service operates comprising:

- 140 litre, red lid household waste bin;
- 240 litre, yellow lid recycle bin, and
- 240 litre, green lid bin for garden and food organics.

Kerbside collection is carried out by a fleet of trucks powered by compressed natural gas, or CNG, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and noise.

The trucks are fitted with on-board computers capturing data to ensure timely and efficient waste management for residents.

Please remember:

- the household rubbish bin is emptied weekly;
- the recyclables bin is emptied fortnightly; and
- the garden organics bin is emptied fortnightly on the opposite week to the recyclables bin.

PUTTING YOUR BINS ON THE KERB

To be sure of the collection days, check your NAWMA calendar, ring the free call number 1800 111 004 or visit the website www.nawma.sa.gov.au

Put the bins out before 7.00am on the day of pick-up. Keep a minimum of 30cm clear around each bin, and keep the bins clear of parked cars, and other obstacles such as trees and power poles.

Don't pack your waste too tightly. Remember, if you overfill it is likely to spill.



EDUCATION

NAWMA's promotion and education programs play a key role in community awareness about the importance of environmental sustainability.

The Environment Education Centre at Edinburgh North features an interactive interpretive centre, and a direct viewing window to the Material Recovery Facility allowing school children and community groups to view material being sorted, baled and prepared for markets.

The centre also provides camera access to the Waste Processing Centre and visual aids to further explain the benefits of the Uleybury landfill site.

People are also encouraged to visit the viewing platform and interpretive display at the Uleybury landfill.

Our roving educator, *Nawma*, visits local schools to talk with students and teachers about environmentally sustainable waste management practices, and regularly presents public displays to heighten community awareness.



GENERAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE

The red lid bin is for general household waste. It is smaller than the other bins because waste that is not recyclable makes up a smaller proportion of total household waste materials.

Once collected, the household waste is transported to NAWMA's Waste Processing Facility at Edinburgh North. At this facility, the waste is compacted using one of the world's most advanced baling systems.

The baled waste is then transported from Edinburgh North to the Uleybury landfill in specially designed, secure vehicles.

The Uleybury landfill is operating to the highest standards as a showcase of environmental achievement in waste management.

In the longer term, landfill gas extracted from the site will be directed to generators to produce enough energy - in the form of electricity - to power at least 1,000 homes.

NAWMA is also working with environment and community groups to revegetate the landfill with seeds collected from local native species.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE BIN

You should only place in this bin rubbish that cannot be placed in the yellow lid or green lid bins. This includes disposable nappies, small and broken household items such as glass, china or ceramics, food packaging and all plastic bags and plastic wraps.



NOT IN THIS BIN

Hard or heavy materials such as concrete, rocks, bricks, car parts or timber, and no liquids or hot ashes.



RECYCLABLES

Your yellow lid bin is for material that can be recycled, rather than being baled and sent to landfill.

Reducing waste to landfill by re-using and recycling will help to restore and protect our environment.

The tonnage of recyclable material collected from NAWMA's Council areas has steadily increased in recent years as growing numbers of residents embrace the principles of responsible waste and resource management.

Kerbside collected recycling material is sorted at NAWMA's Material Recovery Facility at Edinburgh North (formerly Elizabeth West)

NAWMA works with its material recovery partner, VISY Recycling, to sort material including paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, steel and aluminium.

Once sorted, the materials are ready to be processed for remanufacture into new products. You can help by ensuring the contents of your yellow top bin are clean and ready for hand sorting.

All plastics can be recycled, but some are currently not suitable for sorting in our process. They include plastic lids that are too small to be sorted individually. If you wish to recycle your plastic lids, put them in a clear plastic bottle with the bottle top attached. Then place the bottle in the recycling bin and NAWMA will sort the plastic lids.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

Paper (not shredded), cardboard, clean glass jars and bottles, steel and aluminium cans (even aerosol cans), milk and fruit juice cartons, foil trays, wine casks and sortable plastic containers.

The plastic container may crack or split in your hand making it difficult to sort. If this occurs, please put the cracked or split container in your red lid bin. To be sure, give your plastic containers a squeeze!



NOT IN THIS BIN

Crockery, clothing, plastic bags and plastic wrapping, video tapes, CDs, organic waste, electrical products such as toasters, shredded paper, building material or loose plastic lids.



GARDEN AND FOOD ORGANICS

NAWMA encourages residents to participate in the garden organics collection service using a green lid, 240 litre bin. People wishing to participate in the garden organics collection service may purchase bins by calling the free call number 1800 111 004.

Bins can also be paid for and collected from the Finding Workable Solutions Salvage & Save Shop on Bellchambers Road, Edinburgh North.

Working in association with its industry partner, Jeffries, all garden waste collected from the kerbside is processed into compost and mulch products to help return goodness to the soil, and to help plants grow.

Jeffries food organics benchtop bins are still available free of charge to all residents who sign up for the garden organics collection service.

They can be collected from your local Council office or from the Salvage & Save Shop on Bellchambers Rd.

Food organics collected in the benchtop bin can be emptied directly into the garden organics bin for kerbside collection.



WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR GREEN LID ORGANICS BIN

Prunings (no greater than 100mm in diameter), grass clippings, weeds, leaves, flowers, animal waste, shredded paper, and all food scraps including meat, seafood, egg shells and bones.

The benchtop food organics bin should be used for food scraps, just wrap them in newspaper, then tip into 240 litre bin ready for kerbside collection.

There are ways to avoid wet garden organics becoming too heavy or sticking to the bin. They include;

- allowing lawn clippings to dry out before tipping into the bin,
- cutting lawn the day prior to collection to save clippings settling and producing moisture.
- placing small twigs and leaves in the bin to reduce moisture build up.

NOT IN GREEN LID ORGANICS BIN

Plastic bags and any plastic products, pots, garden tools and hoses, cans, metal, ceramics, cigarette butts or ash, vacuum dust or textile products.



RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

NAWMA works with key business partners and the community to promote best practice in waste management.

Together with social enterprise organisation, Finding Workable Solutions, NAWMA has entered an exciting new phase with the opening of a Resource Recovery Centre at its Edinburgh North site on Bellchambers Road.

This new facility includes:

- a drive-through Waste Transfer Station for people to bring in their own waste products including materials for recycling; and
- a Salvage & Save retail operation offering quality second-hand building and household products to the community.

Many waste products can be delivered free of charge to the Waste Transfer Station. NAWMA is managing the Resource Recovery Centre in conjunction with Finding Workable Solutions, a not-for-profit community organisation that provides employment opportunities for people with a disability. Finding Workable Solutions is operating the Salvage & Save operation.

The new centre is delivering a range of positive outcomes in waste management in the region including:

- the environmental benefits of resource recovery and Salvage & Save operation
- growing community awareness and involvement in the recovery of waste from landfill
- the opportunity for people on lower incomes to be able to purchase quality second hand products for their homes at affordable prices; and
- work opportunities for local people with a disability.

The Waste Transfer Station accepts general waste and green waste material.

General waste can be safely and efficiently unloaded undercover onto a central conveyor to be baled and transported by NAWMA to its Uleybury landfill.

Material for recycling is sorted into special bins conveniently located within the Waste Transfer Station.

Payment for waste delivery is made at the entrance off Bellchambers Road. The fee structure is listed on our website: www.nawma.sa.gov.au

Waste Transfer Station opening hours;
Closed Mondays
Tuesday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm
Weekends 9.00am to 3.00pm
Closed Christmas Day, New Years Day, Good Friday
and ANZAC day.





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Salvage & Save is a business initiative of Finding Workable Solutions.

Donated or salvaged goods are recycled and sold back into the community. The Salvage Shop offers a wide range of second-hand electrical goods, furniture, building materials, white goods, garden equipment and bric-a-brac.

Instead of sending unwanted goods of reasonable quality to the scrap heap, call into the Salvage & Save facility at Edinburgh North and donate them to a worthy, not-for-profit enterprise.

This environmentally friendly initiative creates employment opportunities for people with a disability. So, help us to help your community and donate quality goods today.

Salvage & Save Shop opening hours:

Closed Mondays.

Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 10.00am to 2.00pm

Closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day





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