

GLASS AND ORGANICS DROP OFF

To meet State Government requirements, Council is required to introduce a mixture of transfer station drop off points to suit our rural population and organisation needs. Glass and Organic drop off points

From July 1 2023, all Moira Shire residents will have access to a free glass and organics drop off point, located at each of our nine transfer stations.

Why are we getting Glass and Organic Drop Off bins?

By offering a glass drop off point to all residents, we are providing an area to dispose of glass bottles and jars, where materials collected are recycled to be used in either construction or turned into other glass materials. By separating glass from our co-mingled recycling, we are increasing the amount of glass that is recycled and reducing contamination through co-mingled recycling, to eliminate glass shard contamination in paper or plastic.

Currently, around 61% of properties have a kerbside organics bin. By having organic drop off points at each of our transfer stations, all properties, both rural and residential will have the option to drop off any household organic waste, including both food and garden waste.

Where are the drop off points for glass and organics?

- Barmah Transfer Station
- Cobram Landfill and Transfer Station
- Nathalia Transfer Station
- Numurkah Transfer Station
- St James Transfer Station
- Strathmerton Transfer Station
- Tungamah Transfer Station (or the Tungamah Recreation Reserve) TBD
- Yabba Transfer Station
- Yarrawonga Transfer Station

What can and can't be accepted in these bins?

Organics:

CAN

- Food scraps, including dairy and citrus
- Bones and meat
- Prawn shells and fish scales
- Soiled paper and pizza boxes
- Grass clippings, weeds, leaves
- Flowers
- Small non-treated timber off cuts
- Pruning's and small branches

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CAN'T

- Plastic of any sort, including bags and wrap
- Garden pots
- Rocks/concrete
- Soil
- Garden hoses

Glass:

CAN

- Bottles, including wine bottles (rinse and remove lids- these can be placed in your co-mingled recycling bin)
- Jars (rinse and remove lids – these can be placed in your co-mingled recycling bin)

CAN'T

- Broken windows and glassware
- Broken crockery
- Storage and baking ware
- Perfume bottles and lids (corks, plastic or metal lids)

All these items need to be wrapped in newspaper and placed in the red-topped landfill bin.

What happens to the organics and glass in these bins?

Organics: Once collected, the organic material is transported to Western Composting Technology - a state of the art, leading organics processing facility located just north of Shepparton. The material is processed in a highly controlled environment with zero emissions, and results in a fully certified compost, which is then used in agriculture and gardening.

By excluding organic waste from landfill we are reducing greenhouse emissions, leachate generation and considerable reduction in vermin. Did you know that once the Cobram landfill is full, we will never have another landfill in the shire again - so by removing organics we are prolonging its life by approximately 30%.

Glass: Glass collected is recycled to be used in either construction or turned into other glass materials.

How much does it cost to drop off these items at the transfer stations?

The organics and glass drop off services are free of charge for both residential and commercial.

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Can I still put glass in my kerbside co-mingled recycling bin?

At this stage, yes, glass is still accepted in your co-mingled recycling bin, but the Victorian Government is standardising household waste and recycling services and all households will have access to services for four waste and recycling streams, including:

- glass
- food organics and garden organics
- mixed recyclables
- household landfill waste.

We will be transitioning to two separate recycling sources and glass will only be accepted on its own and not in your co-mingled recycling kerbside bin.

Victoria's container deposit scheme is set to start in November 2023. The scheme will reward Victorians with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return.