

Better recycling services for all Victorians

The government is introducing a new 4-bin system to reduce waste, boost jobs and establish a recycling system Victorians can rely on. We are changing how your household waste is collected so that it is higher quality and can be used again to make new products.

We've listened to the community, councils and industry and we will introduce standardised waste and recycling services across Victoria. A standard service will make it easier for every Victorian to know what goes in which bin.

The 4-bin system of the future

In the future, all Victorians will need to separate their waste into four streams so we can recycle more of our waste. Most households will receive a four-bin waste and recycling system. Some areas may already have some, or all, of these bins.

The new 4-bin system will roll out progressively from 2021 and you'll be informed when changes are happening in your area.

<p>Glass recycling</p>   <p>Glass recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• glass bottles• glass jars	<p>Commingled recycling</p>   <p>Commingled recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• paper• cardboard• hard plastics• metal	<p>Food & garden</p>   <p>Food and garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• food scraps• garden clippings	<p>General waste</p>   <p>General rubbish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soft plastics• general waste• clothing (unfit for reuse)
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A standardised list of accepted items for each bin will be developed in consultation with councils and industry. The new system will be rolled out in partnership with councils, who will determine if drop-off points or transfer stations are a better alternative to kerbside collection in some areas.

Check you know your recycling today

It will take some time to roll out new systems to all households so it's important that everyone still gets their recycling right today. Make sure you're up to date on what can and can't be recycled in your area by checking your local council website.

5 things to keep out of commingled and glass recycling



Recycling in bags



Soft plastics



Clothing and textiles



Food waste



Polystyrene

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Find out more about the new recycling system