



Tips and Tricks – for Advanced Recyclers!

What can I put in my yellow lid recycling bin?

YES

✓ **Disposable plastic bottles and plastic containers**

Tip: For City of Ryde it is OK to keep lids on plastic bottles. Remember yoghurt containers and fruit punnets are recyclable too.

✓ **Aluminium cans, steel cans and empty aerosol cans**

Tip: Aluminium foil can be recycled if scrunched into a ball no smaller than a fist.

✓ **Glass bottles and jars**

Tip: Loose steel bottle tops are too small by themselves. Store tops in steel can and squash the top of the can down to keep them together during the recycling process.

✓ **Paper and cardboard including newspaper, magazines, pamphlets, office paper, envelopes and phone books, as well as milk and juice cartons**

Tip: Remove the soft plastic wrap from newspaper and magazines.

NO

✗ **Plastic bags, bin liners or other soft plastics e.g. cling wrap, cereal liners, bread packets**

Tip: Soft plastics can be taken to Woolworths or Coles supermarkets.

✗ **Batteries, printer cartridges, mobile phones, light globes, gas bottles or paint tins**

Tip: Dispose of these FREE at the [Community Recycling Centre](#) or your nearest local [Problem Waste Recycling Station](#).

✗ **Food scraps**

Tip: These can be [composted](#) at home.

✗ **Medical waste**

Tip: Syringes and dialysis tubing can be taken to selected [pharmacies](#).

✗ **Drinking glasses, mirrors or Pyrex glass**
Tip: Break these down (and wrap in newspaper) so they fit into the red lid general waste bin. Electrical items or e-waste

✗ **Electrical items or e-waste**
Tip: Repair broken electrical goods. For [TVs and computer equipment](#) book a FREE household collection by calling Customer Service on 9952 8222.

✗ **Foam or polystyrene**
Tip: Try to find a local recycler by searching on [Recycling Near You](#).

✗ **Shredded paper**
Tip: This can be [composted](#) at home.

✗ **Takeaway coffee cups and coffee pods**
Tip: Buy a reusable coffee cup and carry it with you. For coffee pods, try contacting the manufacturer as some have recycling schemes e.g. Nespresso.

✗ **Garden organic waste**
Tip: Dispose of this in your green lid garden organics bin.

✗ **Clothing, bedding or shoes**
Tip: Items in good condition can be donated to the Smith Family [clothing bins](#) in City of Ryde.

✗ **Metal coat hangers, lengths of wire, and pans**
Tip: Try to find a local metal recycler by searching on [Recycling Near You](#). A local drycleaner or charity may like your metal coat hangers.

✗ **Nappies, CDs, videos, garden hoses, rope or cables**
Tip: Consider using cloth nappies.