

# This is not a load of rubbish!

## Part 1 of 2 on Recycling Tips by Stuart Sexton

Recycling has a very high profile these days as we become more aware of the amount of landfill and pollution generated by what we throw away. As recycling technology gets more sophisticated, the range of recyclables increases.

We are fortunate in the Willoughby Council area because of Council's keen interest in minimising waste and the three-bin collection arrangement:-

- The smaller bin with the red lid (older ones have a green lid) is for non-recyclable rubbish – what's left after we have picked out the recyclables.
- The larger bin with the green lid (older ones

have a maroon or brown lid) is for garden waste – vegetable matter that can be turned into mulch and reused. Please note that tree loppings must be less than 50mm in diameter and 400mm in length to be mulched.

- The large bin with a yellow lid is for recyclable waste.

The Willoughby Council website [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/) has very detailed information about recycling and you are advised to check it out (under the 'Your Street' section). This article is a summary of some of the website information.



Council also has 4 cleanup services annually where large items including whitegoods, mechanical/electrical equipment, metals and even small car parts can be recycled.

Each year, residents receive a leaflet detailing the annual cleanup services.

In the next edition of the Gazette, to coincide with the start of the year, we'll be outlining further what you can and can't recycle in the annual cleanups, as well as tips for all those other things like corks and wire coathangers, that don't go into the garbage, and how they can be reused or recycled. ■

### WHAT CAN YOU PUT IN THE RECYCLE BIN?

- Plastic containers bearing the 'R' symbol and the numbers 1-7
- Glass bottles and jars (not broken ones) that are clear, brown or green - lids should be removed and disposed of with general garbage
- Aluminium cans
- Steel cans
- Milk cartons, Tetra Paks, and Poppers marked '5'
- Aerosol cans
- Paper, newspapers, magazines
- Cardboard

### NOT RECYCLABLE – GENERAL GARBAGE BIN ONLY

- Ceramics, crockery or plate glass
- Light bulbs
- Plastic bags (note that even though some plastic bags have a recycling symbol, they cannot be accepted)
- Plastic toys
- Pizza boxes (unless thoroughly cleaned)
- Meat trays
- Foam or Styrofoam
- Wax-coated fruit boxes

### Sustainable Living Collection, Library Survey 2008-09

During November, and periodically during the next year, when you visit the Artarmon Library, you may be asked to complete a short survey about the Library's Sustainable Living Collection of books, magazines and audiovisual material. Please spend a few minutes to complete it, as your feedback is most important in gauging how many people are using the Collection, and how often. You can also make suggestions about additional material for the Collection.

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