**KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR 2017-2018**

**Bin Collection Week**
Your Waste Bin is collected every week. Your Green Organics Bin and Recycling Bin are collected fortnightly on alternate weeks.

- Green Organics Bin week - user pays
- Recycling Bin week

**Collection Day**
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Conroe Heights
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Please place your bins out by 6:00am for collection.
Recycling and Green Organics Week

On the front of this brochure is a calendar. Your organics collection week is marked in green and your recycling collection week is marked in yellow. Put your household waste bin (green 140L) out, with either your recycling bin (blue 240L) or green organics bin (green 240L).

Delayed Collection Dates

There will be no collections on Christmas Day or Good Friday. These collections will be on the closest working day preceding these holidays. These days are marked on the calendar on the front of this brochure and notification of dates will be placed in the local media.

Calendar Key

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- Green Organics Bin week
- Recycling Bin week
- No collection Christmas Day or Good Friday

Collection Day Map

Use the map to the left to determine your collection day.

- Monday
- Monday Conroe Heights
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
BIN COLLECTIONS

Correct bin placement
Where practical keep a minimum distance of 1 metre between bins, and 1 metre between bins and parked cars, street trees, stobie poles and letter boxes.

How to use the Kerbside Collection System
- Put the bins out by 6:00am on the day of pick up and bring them back in within 24 hours of pick up
- Bins are required to be one (1) metre apart where possible and one (1) metre from surrounding objects (such as poles, trees, cars, etc.) with plenty of clearance from overhead branches
- Don’t put the bins behind parked cars
- Place the right material in the right bin
- Ensure your bin is not packed too tightly and the bin lid is closed.

Bins may not be collected for the following reasons:
- Excessively contaminated with materials that should not be placed in that bin
- Excessive weight - bins that exceed 75 kgs in weight will not be collected.

A sticker notifying the reason for non-collection will be placed on the bin to enable you to rectify the problem for the next collection.

Please contact Council for collection enquiries - including missed collections, damaged, missing or stolen bins or conduct and courtesy of vehicle drivers.

All waste and recycling bins are the property of Council and are required to be left at the property if you relocate or sell your home.

Organics Bin Week
Put out your green organics bin and your red waste bin.

Recycling Bin Week
Put out your blue recycling bin and your red waste bin.
What can I put in my green organics bin?

- Food scraps
- Cut flowers
- Leaves
- Small prunings and cuttings
- Lawn clippings and weeds
- Small twigs and branches (no bigger than 15cm diameter)

Your Green Organics Bin is the 240 litre bin with the lime or green lid. Please check the bin collections section for your collection day.

Your Green Organics Bin Tips
- To prevent a smelly residue from food scraps wrap them in newspaper or paper towel
- Do not put materials in plastic bags or use bin liners.

Charges apply for Green Organics pickups
You need to activate the green organics collection service by attending the council office and purchasing a tag to put on to the front handles of your green organics bin. This is a pro-rata service and can be obtained throughout the financial year at a reduced rate.

For a comprehensive guide of what to do with waste and recycling items see the WHAT TO RECYCLE WHERE list on Council’s website www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au
Food scraps go in your Green Organics Bin too.

Most people tend not to think of food waste as having an adverse impact on the environment because it is biodegradable. However, most food waste ends up in landfill where it creates methane, a greenhouse gas with 21 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Wasted food also wastes energy, water, money and resources used to produce, process, store and transport food.

It’s much better to recycle - or compost - the scraps and reuse these resources.

Recycling your food scraps is easy!

Most things that once grew can be put in your organics bin for composting. Its contents will be collected and turned into compost.

**Items that can be placed in your Green Organics Bin include:**
- Fruit, vegetables
- Meat scraps, bones, seafood (cooked or raw)
- Tissues, paper towels
- Bread, cake
- Teabags, coffee grounds
- Egg shells
- Cheese, yoghurt
- Takeaway foods
- Hair.

**What does not go in the Green Organics Bin?**
- Plastic bags or plastic of any kind
- Food wrappers and packaging
- Cling wrap, oven bags
- Dishcloths, sponges
- Liquids
- Nappies
- Cigarette butts or ash
- Vacuum dust
- Needles and other sharps.

**Food Scrap Tips**
You can place your food scraps into your green organics bin:
- Loose
- Wrapped in newspaper
- In a compostable bag (compostable bags are different to biodegradable bags and are available at most hardware stores).

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What can I put in my recycling bin?

- Clean and empty soft plastics
- Tins and cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cartons
- Plastic containers
- Cardboard
- Paper

What goes in the Recycling Bin?

- Tins and cans (including aerosols)
- All glass bottles and jars (rinsed and with lids off)
- Paper and cardboard (e.g. newspapers, magazines, envelopes, junk mail, egg cartons, cardboard boxes - flattened)
- Liquid paperboard cartons (e.g. juice & milk cartons - rinsed)
- Aluminium and steel cans (rinsed)
- Clean plant pots and seedling tubs
- All rigid plastic containers (e.g. plastic drink bottles, detergent bottles, yoghurt, icecream and margarine containers - rinsed and lids off)
- Empty pizza boxes, rinsed takeaway coffee cups

Clean soft plastics (e.g. clean food packaging, bread bags, newspaper wrap and bubble wrap).

Do Not...

- Do not bundle newspaper or cardboard
- Do not put your recycling in plastic bags
- Do not mix recyclables (e.g. put cans in boxes)

Recycling Tips

- Please remove all lids from jars, bottles and containers and place lids in the waste bin
- Ensure containers are empty and free of food before recycling
- Place all recyclables loose into the bin.

Your recycling bin is the 240 litre bin with the yellow lid or sticker. Please check the bin collections section for your collection day.

Collected fortnightly on the days in yellow on the calendar.

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How to use your Waste Bin correctly

You can reduce what goes into your waste bin by doing the following:

**AVOID waste in the first place**
- Refuse junk mail if you don’t want to read it
- Share magazines and newspapers or access them online.

**REDUCE what you throw away**
- Set up a compost bin and worm farm
- Buy in bulk and products with minimal packaging
- Repair before replacing.

**REUSE materials in an innovative way**
- Buy items in refillable containers
- Reuse containers for storing food, pens, buttons, screws etc.

**RECYCLE products to save natural resources**
- Close the loop and buy recycled products
- Use your recycling bin or your local recycling depot.

Your waste bin is the smaller 140 litre bin with the red lid or sticker. Please check the bin collections section for your collection day.

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**What goes in the Waste Bin?**
- Any remaining items that cannot be recycled or composted
- Soiled soft plastics and cling wrap
- Foil lined food packaging (e.g. chip packets)
- Plastic garbage or bin liners filled with waste
- Crockery, broken glass, mirrors, etc
- Polystyrene foam
- Nappies
- Ropes and hoses.

**What does not go in the Waste Bin?**
- All liquid waste, building and construction waste (including rocks and earth)
- Hot ashes, hazardous or radioactive materials
- Flares, ammunition or explosives
- Medical waste
- Automobile parts
- Gas cylinders
- Alkaline batteries.

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Council’s Waste Transfer Centre is designed to receive self-hauled waste from residents which can be separated into various waste types for transfer to recycling and waste facilities. Waste is separated into green waste, cardboard, metal, electrical, paint tins, waste oils and hard waste and then sent to recyclers. Batteries, waste oil, and e-waste are also accepted and disposed of accordingly. Residual waste (non-recyclable) is sent to Caroline Landfill near Mount Gambier.

### City of Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Centre

5 Eucalypt Drive, Mount Gambier  Ph. 08 8723 9257  
**Opening Hours**  
Monday to Friday 7:30am - 12:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
Public Holidays - Closed

### Types of waste accepted at Council’s Waste Transfer Centre

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### Other places residents can take recyclables and waste

#### National Television & Computer Recycling Scheme

Householders and small business now have an increasing number of FREE drop-off locations for recycling electronic items under the national television and computer recycling scheme.

Items that WILL be accepted:

- Televisions (analog, LCD and flat screens)
- Computer monitors, towers and laptops
- Printers, scanners, keyboards, mice

#### Recycling bottles, cans, plastics & cardboard

Residents are also encouraged to deliver their bottles, cans, plastics and cardboard to their local recycling centre and receive the refund of the deposit on cans and bottles.

#### Green Triangle Recyclers

1 Eucalypt Drive, Mount Gambier  Ph. 08 8725 2715

#### Hazardous waste disposal

Recycling and safe disposal of hazardous waste diverts valuable resources from landfill and also helps to protect the environment from toxic materials. Further information about the responsible disposal of hazardous waste including chemicals, poisons, pesticides, and paint visit [www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au)

#### Fluorescent light globe recycling service

FREE  
**Banner Hardware**  
2 Sturt Street, Mount Gambier  Ph: 08 8725 2364
Useful Contacts

City of Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Centre
Ph. 08 8723 9257

Green Triangle Recyclers
Ph. 08 8725 2715

Cleanaway
Ph. 08 8725 3500

South East Asbestos
Ph. 08 8733 1454

For a comprehensive guide of what to do with waste and recycling items see Council’s WHAT TO RECYCLE WHERE list on Council’s website.

Unsure about what goes in which bin?
Check out the RECYCLE RIGHT online search engine that will provide details specific to your council. Visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au/recycle-right.

You can also find tips on what to do with items that cannot be placed in your kerbside bins, such as oils, e-waste, light globes and household chemicals. Some of these services are free.

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