

# Options for more bin space



*In Lake Mac the average garbage bin is half-full each fortnight. Many bins still contain recyclable material that can go in the yellow or compostable green bin.*



## AVOID, REDUCE AND REUSE

- Do a quick pantry stocktake and make a shopping list.
- Buy concentrates for dishes and laundry.
- Buy products in bulk to save packaging.
- Choose products with less packaging.
- Make a full or partial switch to modern cloth nappies.
- Choose long lasting clothing over fast fashion items.
- Donate clothing, shoes, fabric and toys.
- Reuse plastic bags when you shop, including small fruit and vegie bags.
- Sell unwanted items through online platforms such as Gumtree or Marketplace.



## RECYCLE

- ▶ For 50% more recycling space upgrade to a larger 360 litre recycling bin for a one-off \$25 fee.
- ▶ Collect and return eligible drink containers for a 10c refund [returnandearn.org.au](http://returnandearn.org.au).

## COMPOST

- ▶ Put all food scraps in the green bin along with garden waste to be collected weekly.

## PROBLEM WASTE

- polystyrene
- DVDs and CDs
- printer cartridges
- paint
- motor oil
- car and household batteries
- smoke detectors
- mobile phones, X-rays and E-waste

- ▶ These wastes can be disposed of for free at the Community Recycling Centre at Awaba, the bi-annual Chemical CleanOut and some retailers. See [www.lakemac.com.au/waste](http://www.lakemac.com.au/waste) for more details.

### Get in touch

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## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional service options including weekly garbage collection are available for as little as \$5 a week, with a range of flexible payment options.

# Which bin does it go in?

## GREEN

Animal droppings (excluding cat faeces and kitty litter)  
Animal bedding (wood shavings, straw and hay)  
Bones (raw and cooked)  
Branches (broken up)  
Bread  
Cereal slops  
Chicken bones, skin and scraps  
Citrus  
Coffee grounds (no pods)  
Compostable bags (green only)  
Corn Cobs  
Crab  
Dairy products  
Eggs and egg shells  
Feathers  
Fish and bones  
Flowers  
Food leftovers and scraps  
Fruit and vegetable scraps  
Garden clippings  
Grass cuttings  
Leaves  
Lobster  
Meat (raw or cooked)  
Palm fronds and trees  
Paper coffee filters  
Paper towel  
Pencil shavings  
Plant cuttings  
Prawns  
Nuts, grains and seeds (including shells)  
Onions  
Seafood (fish and soft shelled seafood)  
Seaweed wrack and kelp  
Tea bags and tea leaves  
Vegetable scraps  
Weeds (garden weeds)  
Wood, timber (untreated, unpainted)  
Less than 30cm in length and 10cm in diameter  
Yabbies

GREEN COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY  
Newspaper can also be used to wrap food scraps and pet droppings

NO loose soil

NO plastic, degradable or biodegradable bags

## RECYCLING

Aerosol cans  
Aluminium cans, foil and trays  
Books  
Bottles and bottles tops  
Cans  
Cardboard and boxes  
Cereal boxes (remove plastic liner)  
CD cases (no discs)  
Cooking oil tins  
Deodorant cans and roll-ons  
Egg cartons  
Envelopes (including plastic windows)  
Foil (clean)  
Foil lined cartons  
Food trays (plastic or aluminium)  
Fruit punnets  
Gift wrapping paper  
Glass bottles, jars and lids  
Ice cream containers  
Insect spray bottles and cans  
Juice cartons  
Junk mail  
Magazines  
Medicine bottles  
Milk cartons and bottles  
Newspapers  
Paint tins and spray cans (empty and dry)  
Paper bags, paper plates and cups  
Paper towel roll (cardboard insert)  
Phone books  
Pie trays (aluminium)  
Pizza boxes  
Plant pots (small plastic)  
Plastic bottles, containers and lids  
Plastic plates, cups and cutlery  
Pots & pans (steel and aluminium) no handles  
Shredded paper and newspaper in a cardboard box  
Steel and tin cans  
Takeaway containers (plastic and cardboard) including coffee cup lids  
Toilet paper rolls  
Tupperware  
Yoghurt containers

NO plastic bags

[hrr.com.au](http://hrr.com.au) or call the Recycling Hotline on 1800 838 884

## GARBAGE

Animal droppings in plastic bags  
Band-aids and dressings  
Biodegradable and degradable bags  
Bread bags\* and tags  
Bubble wrap  
Candles  
Carbon paper  
Cassette tapes, CDs and DVDs\*  
Cat faeces and kitty litter  
Ceramics  
Chewing gum and bubble gum  
Chip packets\*  
Cigarette butts and cigars  
Clothing\*  
Cooking oil and fats absorbed in paper only  
Crockery  
Drinking glasses  
Fabric\*  
Foam boxes  
Foam underlay  
Garden hose  
Hair and fur  
Hygiene products  
Kitty litter  
Light bulbs\*  
Lolly and sweet wrappers  
Mirrors  
Nappies  
Pens, pencils, crayons  
Plastic bags and wrapping\*  
Plastic toys\*  
Polystyrene\*  
Shellfish waste (hard shelled seafood including clams, mussels, oysters, scallops and pippis)  
Supermarket bags (reusable)  
Styrofoam\*  
Take away coffee cups  
Tissues  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes  
Treated timber  
Vacuum cleaner dust  
Waxed paper/cardboard  
Window glass/mirrors

\*Check [lakemac.com.au](http://lakemac.com.au) for ways to reuse or recycle these items

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