

This is not a load of rubbish!

Part 2 of 2 on Recycling Tips by Stuart Sexton

In the November Gazette, I wrote about what you can and can't put in the recycling bin that is collected weekly. In this article, I look at what you can and can't recycle in the quarterly cleanups, and other recycling tips.

In addition to the weekly waste management services, Council provides quarterly cleanups, to deal with large items that can't go in any of the weekly bins.

Each year, residents receive a leaflet detailing what will and will not be collected, and the collection dates. The Autumn & Spring **General Cleanups** take items such as soft furnishings, old carpet, mattresses, small appliances, and furniture which is less than 50% metal.

The winter **Metal & Whitegoods Cleanup** covers items such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers and mechanical/electrical equipment such as airconditioners, fans, hot water systems, metal guttering and aluminium frames (in one metre lengths), old pots and pans, and small car parts.

Car tyres, oil-filled heaters, gas cylinders and sealed drums will NOT be collected. These need specialised recycling techniques, and you should search the internet for recyclers.

In addition, Council provides two e-waste (computer) recycling events per year for computers and electronic equipment.

Consumables such as printer cartridges are NOT accepted; cartridges can be taken to Australia Post outlets for recycling by Planet Ark.

Council also participates in the **Chemical Cleanout** program organised by the Department of Environment and Climate Change – see www.cleanout.com.au for the date and location within the Willoughby council area.

A new service which has been introduced recently is the **On-Call Cleanup** service. This can be booked 2 days in advance. Residents pre-pay a small fee to have household goods collected from the kerbside. This service was introduced to supplement the four scheduled cleanup services on offer each year.

Compact fluorescent lights (CFL's) are rapidly replacing incandescent bulbs as we seek to reduce our household and commercial lighting energy usage. However they contain a small amount of mercury (about 5 milligrams) sealed within the glass tubing. CFL's should not be discarded into landfill as the mercury can leak into the environment.

The correct way to dispose of CFL's is by recycling them – Council accepts light globes and CFL's, as well as batteries, mobile phones and bottle corks at the Council Chambers on Victor Street in Chatswood. There is a permanent "Recycling Corner" display where residents can

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drop off these items on Level 4, near the lifts.

Broken CFL's need to be wrapped in newspaper, bagged and put into garbage.

The **A – Z of Recycling** in the Council website has many useful tips and pointers for other ways to recycle generally. Here are some ways you can recycle more household items:

- Car batteries can be taken to the Council's Artarmon Waste & Recycling Centre at Lanceley Place.
- Clothing and toys can often be repaired and reused. Contact one of the charity organisations if you have things that might be of use. St Vincent de Paul collects items at their Artarmon shop in Hampden Road during opening hours.
- Egg cartons and envelopes with or without plastic windows can be recycled through the weekly recycling service.
- Mirrors should be taken to the Artarmon Waste & Recycling Centre at Lanceley Place.
- Wire coat hangers can be removed as soon as you get home, and taken back to the drycleaner on your next trip.
- Old cars and car bodies are accepted for recycling by WSN Environmental Solutions www.wasteservice.nsw.gov.au/ or phone 1300 651 116.

For further hints and information, visit the Council website – www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

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