

FACT SHEET

RECYCLING & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



The City's recycling service diverts valuable resources in the waste stream from ending up in landfill. Please help us by playing your part – thanks everyone!



HOW TO USE YOUR YELLOW-TOP RECYCLING BIN.

✓ ITEMS THAT BELONG:

- » All types of glass (including broken household glass)
- » Aluminium and steel cans
- » All plastic containers with numbers 1-7
- » Cardboard and paper (no shredded paper please)
- » Liquid paperboard, such as fresh milk and juice cartons (no long-life cartons)
- » Empty plastic shopping and department store bags



✗ ITEMS THAT DO NOT BELONG:

- » BBQ gas bottles (please don't do this – ever!)
- » Clothing (this is better going to charity)
- » Full plastic bags that are tied up (only loose material is recycled)
- » Any organic material (including food waste, nappies and pet droppings)

Tip: Recyclables are sorted by hand – so please rinse all containers and remove lids.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is nasty stuff! It includes products that contain chemicals or substances that can be harmful to people, pets and the environment. Typically, they're flammable, explosive, reactive or corrosive, such as:

Ammonium nitrate	fluorescent light globes
Asbestos fencing, sheeting and cladding	Garden chemicals
Auto transmission fluid	Gas bottles
Brake fluid	Kerosene
Batteries	Medicines
Bleach	Motor oil
Corrosives (acids and alkalis)	Paint
E-waste	Pesticides and poisons
Ethylene glycol	Petrol
Fire extinguishers	Pool chemicals
Flammable liquids and solids	Silver Cleaner
Fluorescent tubes and compact	Smoke Alarms
	Tyres

These materials are dangerous, so you can't dispose of them using your green-lid wheelie bin, yellow-lid recycling bin or via bulk verge collection. Please also don't tip these materials down the drain or bury them. Instead, drop them off for safe recycling and disposal at:

City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre:

- » mobile phones (plus batteries and chargers), batteries (most kinds except car batteries), fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent globes

City of Vincent Library and Local History Centre:

- » mobile phones, batteries, ink cartridges and compact fluorescent globes (not tubes – these should go to the Admin Centre)

Drop-off all your Household Hazardous Waste to these facilities:

- » Recycling Centre Tamala Park – 1700 Marmion Avenue, Mindarie
- » Recycling Centre Balcatta – 238 Balcatta Road, Balcatta



ALTERNATIVES TO HHW

There are often safer and less expensive alternatives to products that become Household Hazardous Waste. Green cleaning costs less and most products have a wide variety of uses. Avoid buying HHW as much as possible and if you do, buy only small amounts.

SOME COMMON "GREEN" HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

Oven > Spray on vinegar and rub over bicarb, leave for half hour. Wipe off.

Washing the floor > Mix 1 tablespoon eucalyptus oil in hot water and mop.

Toilet bowls and basins > Use white vinegar in a spray bottle. The smell does not stay.

Windows and mirrors > Spray white vinegar and wipe over.

Fridge > Use warm water with vanilla dabbed on a cloth.

Cockroaches > Sprinkle boric acid in their path (available some chemists).

Scale, citrus leaf miner and red spider mite > Blend 500ml vegetable oil with 250 ml liquid soap. Add 1 tablespoon of this mixture to 1 litre water and spray on all affected areas.

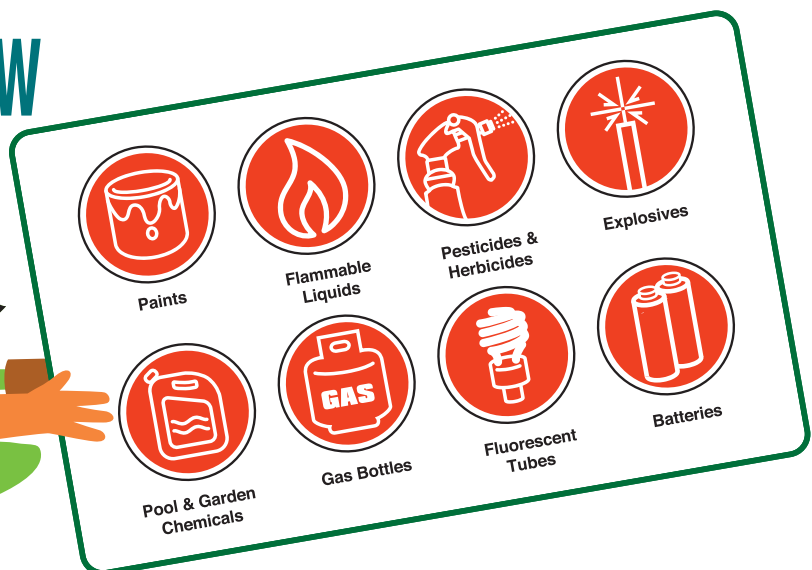
Aphids and soft caterpillars > Blend a handful of hot chilli with 1 tablespoon liquid soap and 1 litre of hot water. Strain and use as a spray.

REMEMBER TO AVOID HHW!

- A** > Assess whether you really need the product.
- V** > Various safer or less hazardous products often exist – use these if possible.
- O** > Only buy small amounts. Make sure you know how much you need and **ONLY** buy this amount so no HHW is generated.
- I** > Inform others about creating less HHW and disposing of waste safely.
- D** > Dispose of HHW properly. Don't dispose of it down drains, on the ground or in your bin. Store in a safe place until you have enough to warrant a trip to your local HHW Collection Facility at Tamala Park or the Recycling Centre Balcatta.



COMMON TYPES OF HHW



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