

KEMPSEY  
Shire Council



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## Waste Services Guide



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Kempsey Shire Council is committed to helping our community to waste less and recycle more.

By sorting our household waste properly we can help save money and the environment.

## Three bin system

All households with a waste service in the Kempsey Shire have a three bin system.

### Green bin



food and garden organics, collected weekly

### Yellow bin



recycling, collected fortnightly

### Red bin



general rubbish, collected fortnightly

### This best practice waste management system helps us:

- reduce the increasing cost of the State Government waste levy on the local community
- meet resource recovery targets set by the Environmental Protection Authority
- extend the life of our local landfill on Crescent Head Road
- ensure valuable resources are kept out of landfill, and recycled or composted instead
- improve efficiencies and keep costs down for the community over the long term

## did you know?

- sorting waste properly keeps costs down for the community over the long term
- the red bin costs our community more than twice as much to process as waste sorted properly into the green organics bin or yellow recycling bin
- ALL food and garden waste can go in the green bin which is collected weekly
- containers, cardboard and paper can be recycled in the yellow bin which is collected fortnightly
- bin contamination is a costly problem and plastic bags should never go in the yellow or green bins

*We can all make a big difference by making small changes at home*

## let's put waste in the right place

A local bin audit showed most of the waste in our red bins that is sent to landfill doesn't belong there:





# green bin for food and garden organics

The green lidded bin is a weekly organics collection for all food and garden waste.

The contents of our green bins is taken to an organics recycling facility at Cairncross, where it is turned into a compost that is available for schools and community groups or for sale in commercial and household volumes.

## what CAN go in the green bin?

- ✓ ALL food waste and scraps
- ✓ meat, bones, seafood, prawn shells
- ✓ fruit and vegetable peels
- ✓ leftovers and plate scrapings
- ✓ bread, dairy, citrus and onions
- ✓ teabags, coffee grounds
- ✓ shredded paper, paper towel and serviettes
- ✓ garden waste: lawn clippings, small sticks, prunings and flowers
- ✓ weeds (except Tropical Soda Apple)
- ✓ small non-treated timber offcuts

## what CAN'T go in the green bin?

- ✗ NO plastic bags
- ✗ NO food packaging or recyclables
- ✗ NO plastic pots
- ✗ NO dirt, rocks or large amounts of soil
- ✗ NO large branches, stumps or building waste
- ✗ NO kitty litter, manure or animal waste



## helpful hints

- use your FREE kitchen caddy and compostable bag system
- freeze foods like meat and seafood until bin collection to reduce odours
- shake off rocks and dirt before placing garden waste in the bin
- bulky garden waste can be taken to a Council waste facility for a small fee
- keep your bin in the shade with the lid shut
- the yellow bin can also be put on the sunniest side to help reduce the green bin heating up
- line your green bin with newspaper
- alternate food scraps with layers of leaves or lawn clippings to reduce odours and prevent pests
- allow grass clippings to dry if possible before placing them in the bin
- spray insect surface spray or citronella oil on inside of bin lid if flies become an issue
- put your green bin out for collection every week, even if it is not full

Call  
1300 342 207  
to order your  
free replacement  
roll of bin  
liners



## kitchen caddy with compostable liners

To help you collect and carry food scraps from your kitchen to the organics bin, Council has provided a kitchen caddy with a roll of compostable liners.

- use the Council-supplied compostable bags or wrap up food waste in newspaper (never use plastic bags)
- place a compostable bag in your caddy, wrap edges over the side and keep lid shut
- line your caddy and/or liner with paper towel or newspaper
- fill your caddy with any food waste or compostable organic material
- every couple of days, or whenever the liner is almost full, tie it off and place it in your green organics bin
- for ideas to help you save money and minimise food waste see page 13



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# yellow bin for recycling

The yellow lidded bin is a fortnightly collection for household recyclables.

By sorting recyclables into the yellow bin we can reduce these items going to our landfill and keep costs down.

## what CAN go in the yellow bin?

- ✓ metal tins, cans and empty aerosols
- ✓ glass bottles and jars
- ✓ plastic bottles and containers (numbered 1-7)
- ✓ cardboard boxes, milk and juice cartons
- ✓ paper, newspaper, magazines and junk mail

## what CAN'T go in the yellow bin?

- ✗ NO plastic bags
- ✗ NO foam or polystyrene
- ✗ NO cords, wire or appliances
- ✗ NO ceramics, pyrex or drinking glasses
- ✗ NO mirrors, window glass or lighting
- ✗ NO nappies or medical waste

## helpful hints

- gain bin space by flattening boxes
- remove lids
- rinse food from containers to reduce odours
- never put broken glass into your yellow bin - recycling is sorted by hand
- recyclables are also accepted free of charge at all Council waste facilities
- a Recycling Upsize to a larger 360 litre yellow bin is available for a small fee
- remember to put recycling loosely in the bin, never in a plastic bag or jammed into boxes

## where does your recycling go?

Recyclables from the yellow lidded bin are taken to the Cairncross Material Recovery Facility where they are sorted and bailed ready for re-use.

*Recycle right!  
No plastic bags*

## recycling bag

To help you collect and carry your household recyclables to the yellow lidded bin, Council is providing a handy reusable recycling bag.





## red bin for rubbish

The red lidded bin is a fortnightly collection for household rubbish that cannot be recycled or composted.

Think of your red bin as the last resort. Can you sell, give away or donate anything instead of throwing it away?

The contents of your red bin are sent to Council's landfill site. Landfill disposal is the most expensive disposal option compared to composting or recycling.

### what CAN go in the red bin?

- ✓ household general waste
- ✓ plastic bags
- ✓ non-recyclable items
- ✓ nappies
- ✓ pet waste, kitty litter
- ✓ light globes, mirrors, ceramics, cookware, drinking glasses

### what CAN'T go in the red bin?

- ✗ NO bricks, heavy timber or steel
- ✗ NO paint, chemicals, liquids or motor oil
- ✗ NO garden waste
- ✗ NO medical waste or syringes
- ✗ Household problem wastes and hazardous materials require special disposal – check Council's website

### general bin tips

- remember that all food and garden organics belong in the green bin, collected weekly
- keep your bins out of direct sunlight, in a well-ventilated and shady spot
- close bin lids completely to prevent flies and pests getting into your bins
- line the bottom of your bin with newspaper to soak up spills and keep bin clean
- if required, rinse your bin after collection with a mild detergent or vinegar and water solution
- do not place items beside or on top of bin
- don't jam rubbish in the bin as it may get stuck
- don't overload your bin, maximum weight is 60kg
- remember to put your bins out before 6.00am on collection day
- keep a 50cm gap around each bin and keep clear of overhead branches and parked cars
- contact 1300 342 207 if your bin is stolen, damaged or broken
- small amounts of pet waste can be buried in your garden. If placing in the red bin, bag or double-bag securely to prevent smells and flies

### a note about nappies

- tightly roll up nappies into a bundle to prevent spillage and use the sticky tabs to fix shut if possible
- wrap, bag or double-bag nappies and sanitary items to reduce smells
- odour neutralising nappy bags, bin deodorisers and essential oils can help reduce smells
- consider using modern-day washable cloth nappies to reduce waste generation if possible



## problem wastes

Not all waste can be put in your kerbside bins.

Some items cause problems and can be dangerous to workers and our community.

Community Recycling Centres offer a free and easy solution for the disposal of household problem wastes. This is the safest way to dispose of these problem wastes.

Many of these materials can be reused and recycled if processed correctly.

## CRC and MCRC

The Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is located at the Kempsey waste facility on Crescent Head Road.

The Mobile Community Recycling Centre (MCRC) collects waste from more than 15 townships within Kempsey Shire.

Check the calendar at [kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/crc.html](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/crc.html)



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## what is accepted FREE at the CRC and MCRC?

- ✓ gas bottles
- ✓ fire extinguishers
- ✓ paint
- ✓ fluoro globes and tubes
- ✓ car and household batteries
- ✓ motor and other oils
- ✓ smoke detectors
- ✓ polystyrene
- ✓ electronic waste

Only household quantities 20kg or 20L are free for collection. Businesses are not eligible for free drop off at the CRC or MCRC.



## e-waste recycling

Electronic waste (e-Waste) is accepted FREE at all four waste facilities within Kempsey Shire.

e-Waste often contains toxic chemicals and heavy metals.

## what CAN go in e-waste?

- ✓ TV and computer monitors
- ✓ home entertainment systems (e.g. DVD, CD, MP3, Hi-Fi)
- ✓ game consoles and accessories
- ✓ laptops, PC and peripherals, tablets
- ✓ mobile phones, charges and headsets
- ✓ digital and video cameras
- ✓ printers/fax/scanners

## what CAN'T go in e-waste?

- ✗ NO broken televisions/screens
- ✗ NO products contaminated with dirt/mud
- ✗ NO power tools
- ✗ NO appliances/microwaves

## ChemClear

- a not-for-profit chemical collection and disposal service for unwanted and unknown AGVET chemicals
- call 1800 008 182 or go to [chemclear.org.au](http://chemclear.org.au)

## mobile muster

- a FREE recycling program for all mobile phones and accessories
- collection points located at key Council sites and all waste facilities

## asbestos

- asbestos is a danger to everyone and requires special handling
- it must be double-wrapped in thick builders plastic and clearly labelled 'DANGER ASBESTOS'
- Kempsey's landfill on Crescent Head Road is the only licensed facility to accept asbestos for special burial
- Kempsey Shire residents receive a discount to help safely dispose of properly wrapped asbestos sent to landfill, up to 250kg
- Call 6562 2042 for more information or to schedule your disposal time
- see [kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/asbestos.html](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/asbestos.html) for more information

## drumMUSTER

- a FREE recycling program for used containers from crop production and on-farm animal health chemicals
- eligible non-returnable, metal and plastic containers are cleaned of residue by farmers and delivered to the Kempsey waste facility
- call 6562 2042 for more information or to schedule your disposal time





# sharps bin for community sharps waste

Community sharps like needles, syringes, finger prickers (lancets), pen needles and other sharps waste from home cannot be put into any rubbish or recycling bins. These should be disposed of safely in community sharp bins.

## needles have their own bin






Many people rely on using needles and syringes to maintain their health or that of a family member.

There are more than 1900 people with diabetes in the Kempsey Shire Council area, for example, who generate more than 70,000 sharps each year.






Other sources of community-generated sharps include people on home dialysis or home chemotherapy, people who inject steroids, people who inject prescription or other drugs and people who inject their animals.

Kempsey Shire Council does not condone illegal drug use but aims to reduce associated harm to the individual and the community by ensuring any sharps are disposed of correctly.

## what CAN go in the sharps bin?

-  needles
-  pen needles
-  syringes
-  finger prickers (lancets)
-  other health-related sharps items

## what CAN'T go in the sharps bin?

-  NO recycling
-  NO garden or green waste
-  NO general rubbish
-  NO commercial sharps waste
-  NO other items of any kind

## where are the sharps bins?

All public hospitals and community health centres across NSW are obliged to have community sharps bins.

Community sharps bins are not for use by businesses. All businesses that generate sharps waste are required to arrange a contractor to dispose of that waste.

When you are out, dispose of your used sharps in the small metal sharps bins located inside many public toilets within Kempsey Shire.

At home store your used sharps in a plastic puncture-proof container with a lid, or a yellow sharps container, and then take the filled containers to one of your local community sharps bins.

Kempsey Shire has big yellow community sharps bins at these locations:

### crescent head

- Rankine Street Carpark (corner Scott and May streets)
- Council Waste Management Centre (Crescent Head Road)

### hat head

- Surf Club (corner Bay and Myrtle streets)

### south west rocks

- Council Carpark (corner Paragon Ave and Gregory Street, near public toilet)
- Community Health Centre (9 Steve Eagleton Drive)



## kempsey

- Kempsey District Hospital (River Street, at end of old hospital building)
- Elbow Street (near public toilet block)
- Stuart Street Carpark (grassed area near access ramp into East West Plaza)
- Community Health Centre (corner Polwood and Tozer streets)

## stuart's point

- Stuarts Point Community Hall/Library (Marine Parade)

**If you find a syringe in a public place, call the Needle Clean Up Hotline on 1800 633 353 or Kempsey Council on 6566 3200.**



# be wastewise

## reduce

### there's a lot we can do to reduce our rubbish

- choose products with less packaging
- consider buying in bulk and taking your own containers
- place a 'No Junk Mail' sign on your letterbox
- make litter-free lunches
- buy better quality products that can last longer

### reducing food waste

Food waste is a big problem. More than 800,000 tonnes of food waste ends up in landfill every year in NSW.

Recent audits found 50% of household landfill waste in Kempsey Shire was actually food and garden organics that should go in the green bin service.

By learning how to avoid wasting food in the first place, the average household could save over \$1000 a year.

### save money and the environment

- plan your meals
- write a shopping list to avoid impulse buying
- measure your serving sizes
- store food correctly and use leftovers
- purchase more fresh ingredients to decrease packaging waste

Check out the Love Food Hate Waste website for recipe ideas, serving quantity calculator and more

[lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au)



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## reuse

### how to make a difference

- take reusable bags to the shops
- reuse plastic bags where possible and ask your local supermarket if they have a plastic bag recycling bin
- refilling stainless steel reusable drinking bottles is better than buying bottled water
- reduce clutter around the home and hold a garage sale or donate to charity
- give things away to friends and family rather than throwing them away

For more reuse ideas and waste saving workshops visit [midwaste.org.au](http://midwaste.org.au)

## recycle

Recycling is easy and helps to save money and the environment.

### top tips for recycling

- buy things that can be easily recycled rather than landfilled
- choose things that have low to no packaging or at least recyclable packaging
- don't place items in plastic bags to recycle as it will be sent to landfill
- many items that can't go in the yellow bin are accepted free of charge at Council's waste facilities

## recover

Not all waste can be put in your kerbside bins. Community Recycling Centres offer a free, safe and simple solution for the disposal of household problem wastes.

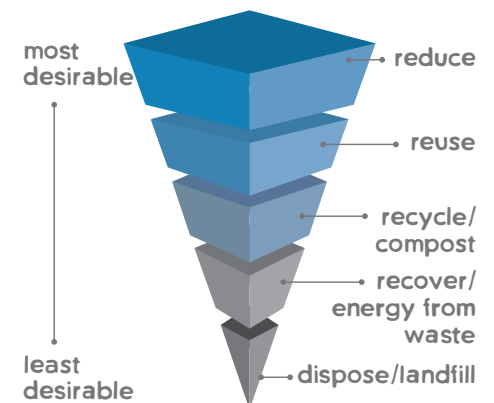
Many of these materials can be reused and recycled if processed and disposed of correctly.

### what can't go in the kerbside bins

- liquid wastes – paint, oils, chemicals
- household problem wastes (polystyrene, gas bottles, fluoro lighting, batteries)
- building and construction waste
- automotive parts
- electronic waste
- medical waste

Find out more about Kempsey's Community Recycling Centre and Mobile Community Recycling Centre at

[kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/crc.html](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/crc.html)

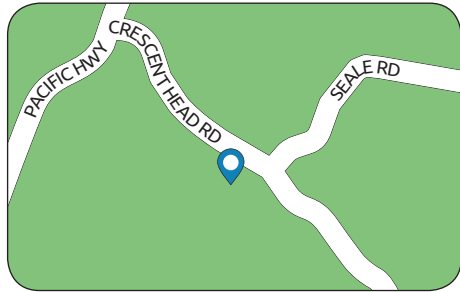




# waste services

## kempsey waste management centre

683 Crescent Head Road, Kempsey  
02 6562 2042  
wmc@kempsey.nsw.gov.au



Visit the ReUse Shop for second hand goods. The Waste Management Centre also accepts drumMuster recycling, safe disposal for household chemicals, and clean soft plastics recycling (silage wrap, plastic bags).

### Opening times:

Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 4.30pm  
Saturday, Sunday: 9.00am – 4.00pm

## south west rocks waste transfer station

Arakoon Road, South West Rocks  
0439 247 245



### Opening times:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8.00am – 4.00pm  
[closed 12 – 1pm]  
Friday: 8.00am – 2.00pm  
[closed 12 – 1pm]  
Saturday: 12.00pm – 3.00pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Sunday: Closed

## stuarts point waste transfer station

Fishermans Reach Road, Stuarts Point  
0439 247 245

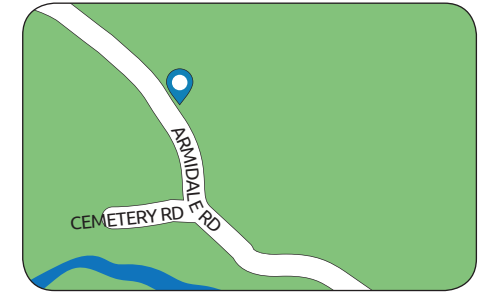


### Opening times:

Wednesday: 8.00am – 4.00pm  
[closed 12 – 1pm]  
Saturday: 8.00am – 11.00am  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Sunday: Closed

## bellbrook waste transfer station

Armidale Road, Bellbrook  
02 6566 3200



### Opening times:

Wednesday: 10.00am – 3.00pm  
Sunday: 10.00am – 3.00pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday: Closed

## free to drop off at all waste facilities:

- metal recycling (whitegoods, electrical cords, car parts, wire)
- recyclable paper
- cardboard and containers (cans, bottles, jars, cartons)
- polystyrene (bean

- bags, packing material, produce box, fruit 'n veg packing trays)
- printer cartridges
- fluorescent lighting
- gas bottles and fire extinguishers (under 25L capacity)

- batteries (lead-acid batteries and dry cell single use or rechargeable batteries)
- mobile phones (chargers, headsets)
- household paint

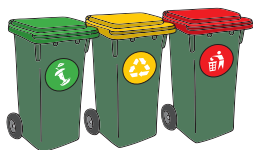
- radio-active smoke alarms
- oils (keep motor, hydraulic and transmission oils separate from cooking oils)
- e-waste (TV, DVD/VCR/

- CD, Hi-Fi, game-consoles and accessories, MP3 players, laptops, PC & peripherals, tablets, digital cameras, video cameras, computer monitors, printer/fax/scanner)

## remember:

Commercial loads are not accepted at the three Transfer Stations. Pre-sort your waste before you arrive to reduce your disposal charges as many recyclables and problem wastes are taken free of charge.

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# Handy References for more information

Visit our website at:

**[kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste)**

or call the waste hotline on:

**1300 342 207**

and you can use the space below to note your collection weeks and days:

**my waste week is:**

(check your yellow bin)

**my bin collection day is:**

(check website)