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recycle right newsletter

A monthly publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



COMPOST IN MAY



Every year, the average Australian household throws out 345kg of food waste¹ – that's the same weight as 3 average sized fridges. When this waste ends up being buried in landfill, it creates methane that has the potential to add to problems with the enhanced greenhouse effect that's happening to our atmosphere. However, the SMRC has a solution.

The Waste Composting Facility uses state of the art industrial composting technology to recover organic waste that is largely comprised of food and turn it into a nutrient rich compost that can be used in agriculture to replace lost nutrients and replenish the soil.

To see for yourself how this compost is made, why not come on a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre. All tour participants that come on a tour during May can **enter the draw to win a cubic metre of compost**, thanks to our compost partner Nutrarich. To book, contact the Tours Coordinator on **9256 9528** or **tours@smrc.com.au**. Hurry, spaces are limited.

¹ www.foodwise.com.au/



MURDOCH UNI FESTIVAL DAY



Early in March, Recycle Right spent the day at Murdoch University's Festival Day, giving students and professors alike the chance to ask pressing waste related questions and tell us how they go about reducing their waste at home.

The lucky winner of our Herb Garden was April Litterick who passionately recycles, avoids buying overpackaged goods, recycles her organic waste through a worm farm and bokashi bin and tries to buy second hand whenever she can. We hope you enjoy adding flavour to your dishes with your fresh herbs!

ENVIROFEST

On a sunny Saturday the 25th of March, Recycle Right attended the annual Whiteman Park Envirofest. EnviroFEST is Whiteman Park's flagship environmental event that aims to increase the public's awareness and understanding of the importance of trees, the environment and conservation in the home and wider community. Many people stopped by to find out how we turn household organic waste into compost, make newspaper seedling pots and ask those tricky recycling questions.





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UPCOMING COMMUNITY TOURS

Our next community tour is scheduled for Saturday 6th of May at 10.00am. See first-hand the machinery that sorts your co-mingled recycling and discover some of the alternatives to landfilling.

Bookings are essential. If you'd like to organise a visit to find out what happens to your waste, please call Emma on **9256 9528** or via email tours@smrc.com.au



Upcoming Verge Collections

Green Waste

City of Cockburn

Green waste collections will commence in the City of Cockburn on the 10th of April. For more information refer to **recycleright.wa.gov.au/resource-recovery-calendars-2016-17** or contact **9411 3444** for more information.

City of Fremantle

Green Waste Collection will commence in the City of Fremantle on the 3rd of April. Go to **recycleright.wa.gov.au/resource-recovery-calendars-2016-17** to find your collection area, or call **9432 9999** for more information.

City of Melville

Green waste collections continue City of Melville residents throughout April. Go to **recycleright.wa.gov.au/resource-recovery-calendars-2016-17** to find your collection area, or call **1300 635 845**.

Junk and Whitegoods

City of Cockburn

Junk and Whitegoods Collection is underway in the City of Cockburn, with a few areas still to be collected. Collections will run through to the 27th of March. For more information visit **recycleright.wa.gov.au/resource-recovery-calendars-2016-17** or contact **9411 3444**.

City of Kwinana

Junk and whitegoods collections will be completed for the City of Kwinana in the week beginning 10th of April. Go to **recycleright.wa.gov.au/resource-recovery-calendars-2016-17** to find your collection area, or call **1300 867 166** for more information.



The RRRC's Green Waste Facility also takes grass clippings, loppings and prunings year round (fees apply, excludes Christmas and New Years Day). For more information, visit **recycleright.wa.gov.au/verge-collection/green-waste-delivery/**





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Problem Waste



Aluminium Cans

Wondering how aluminium cans can be a problem? Aren't they recyclable?

You'd be correct. And that's why aluminium cans disposed of in general waste bins are a big problem! In Australia around 1 billion of aluminium cans end up in landfill each year instead of being recycled. That's around \$15 million worth.*

You can help save energy and resources by putting the right thing in the right bin. Download the FREE Recycle Right app today to help you on your way!

*The Waste Authority



ICAWW

International Composting Awareness Week
—— Sunday 7 May – Saturday 13 May 2017 ——

This May marks the return of International Compost Awareness Week Australia, a week of activities, events and publicity to improve awareness of the importance of compost, a valuable organic resource and to promote compost use, knowledge and products. Compost helps to reduce carbon pollution by avoiding landfilling organic materials and helping to build healthier soils.

If you live in the councils of Fremantle, East Fremantle, Cockburn or Melville, then the contents of your green-topped General Waste bin are already being turned into fantastic compost at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre. In order to make sure we can keep producing a great product, you need to make you put the right thing in the right bin and you can do that by downloading the free Recycle Right app from your app store or visiting recycleright.wa.gov.au.

Alongside putting the right thing in the right bin, there is a range of awesome activities to do this International Compost Awareness Week including:

- Start up a worm farm at home or school
- Start up a compost heap or bin at home or school
- Enter the competition for the Greenest and Most Sustainable Garden 2017
- Register any event associated with compost
- Join the Australian Composting Community through Facebook and Twitter
- Get your friends and family involved and help to raise awareness about compost !

For more information visit compostweek.com.au.



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HELLO BABY

The City of Cockburn's annual Hello Baby event again provided a great day out for families to find out about parenting, health and childcare. Green Skills Inc launched their Cloth Nappy campaign to encourage parents to give cloth a try and reduce the landfill legacy that your baby creates in their first few years of life. They also quizzed people on which bin to put disposable nappies in. A reminder that it's definitely **NOT** the recycling bin.

To find out more information about cloth nappies, visit the recycleright.wa.gov.au.



LESS IS MORE FESTIVAL

The Less is More Festival takes place on Saturday 1st of April from 10am to 5pm. This free, family-friendly festival brings members of the Perth community together for a day of skill-sharing workshops, presentations, discussions and more.



Now in its sixth year at the Grove library, the Less is More Festival is a chance to inspire, connect, learn and celebrate.

The festival will take place at **The Grove Library, 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove.**

For more information visit www.lessismorefestival.com/

UPCOMING LIVING SMART COURSES

Have you wondered how you can make your life more sustainable? Reduce your waste and slim your bin? Meet more people in your community? Living Smart is a 7-week course that will inspire you to make sustainable changes in your own home with your family.



South Fremantle 6.30pm – 9.00pm – Commencing 24th April

Success 10am – 12.30pm – Commencing 13th May

For more information visit livingsmart.org.au/whats-happening/courses-events/



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