

Keep me on your fridge!

# WASTE & RECYCLING GUIDE

## 2023-2024 Kerbside & Verge Valet Collections

### Town of Cottesloe

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**Weekly colour guide:**  
 **Yellow week** – Recycling and Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin  
 **Red week** – General Waste and Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin  
 **No collection on Xmas Day or Good Friday.** Collection will take place on 26 December and 30 March respectively.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Missed bin collection enquiries: please call the Town on: **9285 5000**  
 To report a damaged bin, or request a change to your services, complete online form: 'Changes to Residential Bin Services' at [www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/binrepair](http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au/binrepair)

# Bin Collection Information



Ensure bins are placed out by 6am on collection day



Bins must weigh less than 70kg to be collected



Do not overfill your bins and ensure lids are firmly closed so items do not spill out

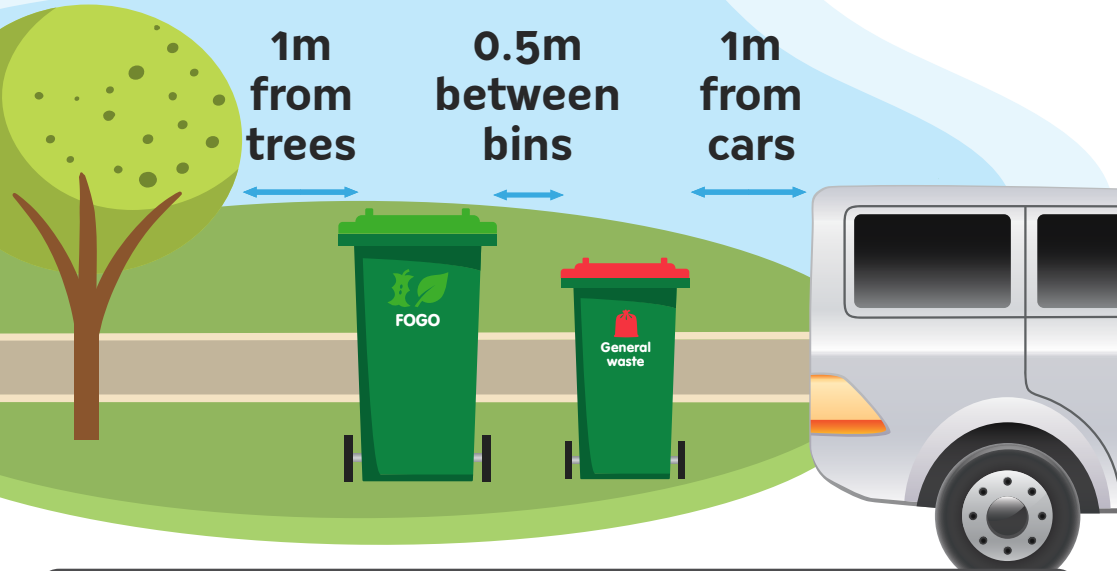


Place bins away from other objects with the front facing the street.

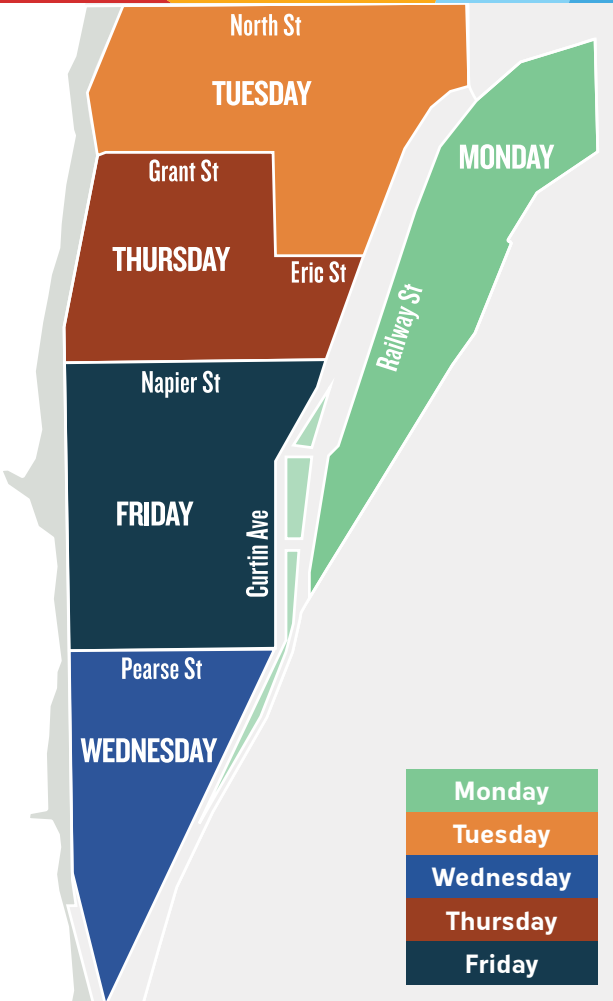
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trees

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bins

1m  
from  
cars



For missed bins, call the Town of Cottesloe 9285 5000. For general waste and recycling enquiries, contact the WMRC Recycling Hotline 9384 6711



## Bin Collection Day

See the map on the left for what day of the week your bins will be collected.

FOGO bin collected weekly General waste collected fortnightly Recycling bin collected fortnightly	
<b>RED WEEK</b>	<b>YELLOW WEEK</b>

Please see front calendar for red and yellow week dates.

Some larger apartment complexes are not currently on the three-bin FOGO waste system. Your collection days and frequencies may vary. Please check with your strata management or contact the Town of Cottesloe.

## BIN COLLECTION DAY & INFORMATION

# Which Bin Do I Put It In?

**FOGO** – Collected weekly



Your **Food Organics, Garden Organics Bin** is for:

- ✓ **All food waste:** including fruit and vegetable scraps, breads, grains, cooked food, leftovers, meat, bones, dairy and seafood
- ✓ **Tea bags and coffee grounds**
- ✓ **Compostable liners**
- ✓ **Garden waste:** Lawn clippings, branches, flowers, weeds and leaves
- ✓ **Animal waste:** Kitty litter and dog poo
- ✓ **Dirty Takeaway Paper and Cardboard:** including greasy pizza boxes, paper bags and paper plates
- ✓ **Shredded paper**
- ✓ **Tissues, napkins and paper towels**
- ✓ **Wooden pop sticks and cutlery**



Only use the compostable liners with these symbols in your FOGO bin as other liners do not break down in the composting process. Alternatively, line your caddy with newspaper, or put food waste in without a liner.



Green 8L compostable liners are available at major supermarkets and hardware stores.

**These items don't belong in the FOGO bin:**



**NO** construction & demolition waste



**NO** general waste



**NO** hazardous waste



**NO** plant pots



**NO** plastic bags or liners



**NO** recyclables (plastics, glass & metals)

Some larger apartment complexes are not currently on the three-bin FOGO waste system. If you do not have a FOGO bin, please place any food or garden organic waste into your red lidded general waste bin. If your complex wishes to change to the FOGO system, please email [town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au).

## Recycling Bin – Collected fortnightly



Your **Recycling Bin** is for:

- ✓ Clean paper & cardboard
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Plastic bottles & containers
- ✓ Steel & aluminium cans

Please ensure all recycling is clean, dry, empty with all lids removed and placed loose into the bin and not in bags

- ✗ NO recycling in bags
- ✗ NO soft plastics
- ✗ NO aerosols
- ✗ NO batteries or E-Waste
- ✗ NO broken toys, crates, buckets or coat hangers
- ✗ NO meat trays
- ✗ NO nappies
- ✗ NO textiles

## General Waste Bin – Collected fortnightly



Your **General Waste Bin** is for all general rubbish items, such as:

- ✓ Ceramics
- ✓ Cigarette butts
- ✓ Coffee cups and coffee pods
- ✓ Damaged textiles (including shoes)
- ✓ Long life cartons (Tetra Pak)
- ✓ Meat trays and packaging
- ✓ Nappies, hygiene products and wipes
- ✓ Pill packets
- ✓ Plastic bottle lids
- ✓ Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Soft plastics (bags, packets and wrappers)

- ✗ NO clean recyclables
- ✗ NO hazardous waste

Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste shouldn't be placed in any bins. Drop this waste off to the West Metro Recycling Centre free of charge.

# WHICH BIN DO I PUT IT IN?

# Containers for Change



Whether you're keen to earn a bit of extra cash, raise money for your local sports club or event, or donate to your favourite charity, earn 10 cents for every eligible drink container collected.

All drink containers returned through the scheme are recycled into new items such as glass bottles.

**Acceptable beverage containers include most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard containers between 150ml and 3 litres.** You can recycle lids from these containers too, remember to remove them first!

## Local return depots:

### Return-It Shenton Park

4-6 Orton Road, Shenton Park 6008

### Fremantle Containers for Change

83 Knutsford St, Fremantle

For more information and other locations to return to visit: [containersforchange.com.au/wa](http://containersforchange.com.au/wa)



**Remember to rinse and take the lids off!**

## ✓ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



## ✗ INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



## Plastics

Many types of plastic packaging and plastic products cannot be recycled in your yellow-lidded recycling bin. Here is what's happening in WA (and what you can do) to address the growing problem of plastics.

### Plan for Plastics

The WA State Government launched the Plan for Plastics in 2022 to introduce regulations around common single-use plastic items. Replacing single-use plastic items with disposable items made from bamboo, paper or similar materials is a great start, but the best option is to eliminate single-use altogether and choose reusables instead.

#### Stage 1 single-use items that have already been phased out:

- Cutlery
- Drink stirrers
- Drinking straws
- Expanded polystyrene take away food containers
- Helium balloon releases
- Plates
- Thick plastic shopping bags
- Unlidded bowls
- Unlidded cups for cold beverages
- Unlidded take away food containers

#### Stage 2 items:

##### Banned on 1 September 2023

- Loose/unmoulded polystyrene packaging
- Expanded polystyrene cups and meat/seafood trays
- Degradable plastics
- Cotton buds with plastic stems
- Microbeads

##### Banned on 1 March 2024

- Produce bags
- Coffee cups and lids
- Trays for takeaway food not covered in stage 1 ban

##### Banned on 1 September 2024

- Lids for cups, trays, bowls, plates, and takeaway food containers



## Plastic Free July

You can be part of the solution to reduce plastic pollution! Plastic Free July is a global movement that provides free resources, tips, and challenges to help individuals, organisations, businesses, and schools reduce their single-use plastic use. And it was started right here in Perth by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz of the Western Metropolitan Regional Council.

Get involved today at [plasticfreejuly.org](https://plasticfreejuly.org).

# How To Be A GREAT Sort!

Sort first and treat your general waste bin as a last resort.

## G = GIFT

Gift items to charity, swap or sell.

## R = RECYCLE

Recycle **these 5** in your yellow lidded bin – paper, cans, cardboard, plastic and glass - rinsed, loose, lids off.



**E = EARTHCYCLE** Compost food scraps and garden waste. Worm Farming and Composting Factsheets available at [wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://wmrc.wa.gov.au)

## A = AVOID

Avoid single-use items and excess packaging. Find out how at a WMRC low-waste workshop.

## T = TAKE

Take hazardous and E-waste items to drop-off points. The West Metro Recycling Centre is a registered drop off point for the Household Hazardous Waste Program.





# Reuse and Repair

If it's too good to throw away, gift, swap, sell or fix it.



<b>Buy Nothing or Gifting With Integrity</b>	Post anything in your local Facebook community group for free
<b>Charities</b>	Donate clothing, bric-a-brac & furniture
<b>Dismantle or Bicycles for Humanity</b>	Donate bikes
<b>FairGame</b>	Donate sporting equipment
<b>Garage Sale Trail</b>	Register to hold a garage sale or host your own throughout the year
<b>GiveWrite</b>	Donate new/lightly used stationery
<b>Givit</b>	Match item to recipient
<b>Gumtree</b>	Sell or free-list any item
<b>Hello Initiative or Mobile Muster</b>	Donate mobile phones
<b>Repair Labs/Cafés</b>	Learn to fix broken items



## Furniture Home Collection Services

If your household furniture is in good, clean condition, you can donate it to charity. See the list of pick up services:

Organisation	Phone
Anglicare Home Collection Service	<b>6253 3535</b>
Good Sammy Home Collection	<b>1300 466 372</b>
Paraquad Industries	<b>9381 0189</b>
People Who Care (Starting Over Support)	<b>9379 1944</b>
Salvation Army Home Collection Service	<b>13 72 58</b>
St Vincent de Paul Society	<b>6323 7520</b>

## Want to reduce your waste?

The WMRC can help you trim your bin and live a low-waste life!

- ✓ Do a low-waste workshop
- ✓ Come on a tour of the West Metro Recycling Centre
- ✓ Follow us on socials for the latest low-waste tips and events
- ✓ Download our handy low-waste factsheets
- ✓ Volunteer with us
- ✓ Subscribe to our monthly newsletter

Find out how at [wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://wmrc.wa.gov.au)



**REDUCE YOUR WASTE**

**REUSE & REPAIR**

# Verge Valet Collections

## Verge Valet™, as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Book your Verge Valet™ collection online at [vergevalet.com.au](http://vergevalet.com.au)
2. Receive confirmation of your request from Verge Valet™.
3. Only place accepted items out 1 to 3 days before your collection date.

**Leave the rest to us – easy as that.**

**Record your booked collection dates here:**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I book Verge Valet™?

Book online through the Verge Valet™ website: [vergevalet.com.au](http://vergevalet.com.au) If you're having trouble, call the Verge Valet™ and Recycling Hotline team on 93846711.

### How far in advance do I need to book?

You can book up to 8 weeks in advance of your preferred collection date. Bookings can be made a minimum of 4 days before your collection. We recommend you book early to secure your preferred collection date. Collections are scheduled weekly on Monday in Cottesloe (excluding public holidays). Remember to book your collection first before placing any waste out. Waste can only be placed out 3 days before your collection.

### When can I place my waste out?

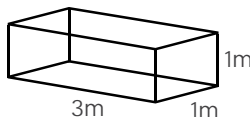
After you book and 1 to 3 days before your collection. You will receive a confirmation text message 3 days before your collection. Penalties apply to waste placed out more than 3 days prior to collection.

### How many collections do I get a year?

**Up to 2  
Bulk Waste  
collections**

**1 Green  
Waste  
collection**

**Limit of 3m<sup>3</sup> per collection**



**You can change any of your  
bulk waste collections into  
green waste if you prefer**

### What won't be accepted?

Asbestos, batteries, building materials, household hazardous waste, glass panels, pesticides, paint and vehicle parts. Drop these items off at the West Metro Recycling Centre 7 days a week – some are free and some for a fee.

### How can I change or cancel my booking?

You can change, cancel, or postpone your booking up to one business day before your collection date. Click CHANGE A BOOKING on [vergevalet.com.au](http://vergevalet.com.au) or phone WMRC on 9384 6711. Please give at least one business day's notice or you will lose your collection allocation.

### What happens to the waste collected by Verge Valet™?

Neat piles of separated waste help us recycle as much as we can. We reprocess all the greenwaste and recover as much recyclable material from bulk waste as possible. Mattresses, e-waste and white goods are recycled by specialists and fridges etc. are safely de-gassed.






**Verge Valet™ is intended for items that can no longer be used. Donate items that are too good to be thrown away.**

### I live in an apartment complex, how do I get Verge Valet™?

Apartment complexes with more than 25 units must have their Verge Valet™ collections organised through the strata manager, building manager or caretaker via a separate booking process found on the website. Collections can only be booked for the first Monday of the month. If you live in an apartment with 25 units or less, book your collection yourself at [vergevalet.com.au](http://vergevalet.com.au).

### What can I put out for a Verge Valet™ collection?

Place items in separate piles to maximise what can be recycled. Remember, limit of 3m<sup>3</sup> per collection.

GREEN WASTE (up to 3m <sup>3</sup> )	BULK HOUSEHOLD WASTE (up to 3m <sup>3</sup> )			
<b>Green Waste</b> Garden waste, tree, branches, twigs, weeds and flowers	<b>General Waste</b> Household furniture, toys, plant pots, garden hoses and general junk. Please no glass panels or surfaces	<b>E-Waste</b> Computers, TVs, printers, small electrical goods	<b>White Goods</b> Scrap metal, air conditioners, fridges, freezers, dishwashers and washing machines. Please remove doors	<b>Mattresses</b> One mattress
				
GAP	GAP	GAP	GAP	GAP

# West Metro Recycling Centre

The West Metro Recycling Centre offers safe disposal and recycling of a range of items not suitable for kerbside collection.

## FOR A FEE:



Asbestos



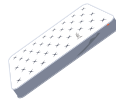
Bulk Household Waste



Construction & Demolition Waste



Greenwaste



Mattresses



Refrigerated appliances



Tyres

## FOR FREE:

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW includes unwanted household products that contain harmful chemicals, are flammable, corrosive or explosive. Limits of up to 20kg or 20L per material type will be accepted free of charge, per person, per visit.



Acids and alkalis



Aerosols and spray cans



Batteries



Engine coolants



Fire extinguishers (red only)



Flares



Gas cylinders



Household cleaners



Household light globes and fluorescent tubes



Paint



Pesticides/herbicides



Pool chemicals



Smoke detectors



Unknown chemicals



Waste motor oil



This project is supported by the Government of Western Australia and administered by the Waste Authority.



**B-cycle**  
Battery  
Recycling

## B-Cycle

Batteries should never go into any of your household bins. Instead, give them another life with B-Cycle, Australia's national battery recycling scheme. Many major retailers are now offering B-Cycle collection points – check [bcycle.com.au](http://bcycle.com.au) to find a location close to you.

## Free Community Recycling

As a resident of a WMRC member council you can drop off domestic quantities of the following items for free. Proof of residence required.



**Batteries**



**Bicycles**



**Car batteries**



**Cardboard**



**Clothing & shoes**



**Cooking oil  
(max 20L)**



**Corks**



**Domestic  
recyclables**



**E-Waste**



**Mobile  
phones**



**Plastic  
beer clips**



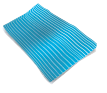
**Plastic  
bottle tops**



**Plastic  
plant pots**



**Polystyrene**



**Pool  
blankets**



**Printer  
cartridges**



**Scrap  
metal**



**Sports  
goods**



**Stationery  
- home or  
office**



**Towels &  
Sheets**



**Waste  
motor oil  
(max 20L)**



**X-rays**

**FREE MULCH** is available for Town of Cottesloe residents from the West Metro Recycling Centre. No limit on how much you can take, just bring proof of residence and be ready to load it yourself.



## West Metro Recycling Centre Opening Hours

Monday – Friday: 7.30am to 4.00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8.00am to 4.00pm

Public Holidays: 7.30am to 2.00pm

*(Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday & New Year's Day)*

OPEN 7 DAYS TILL 4PM

[www.wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au)

Recycling Hotline: **9384 6711**



# A-Z Guide and Recycle Right Information

For a more comprehensive list and to find your nearest local drop-off centres, visit [recyclerright.wa.gov.au](http://recyclerright.wa.gov.au), or download the free Recycle Right app from the App store or Google Play.

## KEY

1	Yellow-lidded Recycling bin items
2	Lime green-lidded FOGO bin items
3	Red-lidded General Waste bin items
4	Take to drop-off centres
5	Bulk waste verge collection
6	Bulk garden organic verge collection
7	Donate to charity

If you live in an apartment or strata and don't yet have a FOGO bin, place your food waste and garden waste in the General Waste bin.



Hazardous household waste (HHW) can be dropped off at the West Metro Recycling Centre [wmrc.wa.gov.au/recycling-disposal/west-metro-recycling-centre/](http://wmrc.wa.gov.au/recycling-disposal/west-metro-recycling-centre/)

## A

4	Acids (HHW)
4	Aerosol cans (HHW)
1	Aluminium cans
1	Aluminium foil (clean)
2	Animal droppings
4	Asbestos

## B

3	Band aids
4	Batteries (HHW)
7	Blankets
3	Blister packs
7	Books
2	Bones & shells
3	Bread bags (plastic)
4	Bricks & pavers (C&D)
1	Broken glass
5	Bulky items

2	Flowers
1	Food cans (rinsed)
2	Food & vegetable scraps
5	Furniture (broken)
7	Furniture (fixed)

## G

2	Garden organics (small prunings & plants)
6	Garden organics (large)
4	Gas cylinders (HHW)
1	Glass bottles and jars (rinsed)

## H

2	Hair (animal & human)
3	Hose (short lengths)

## I

1	Ice cream containers (cardboard & plastic)
4	Insecticides (HHW)

2	Peels (citrus & fruit)
3/4	Pens/Biros/Textas
4	Petrol & flammable liquids (HHW)
1	Pizza boxes (clean)
2	Pizza boxes (soiled/oily)
3	Plastic bags
3/4	Plastic bottle lids
1	Plastic bottles & containers
4	Poison (liquid/solid) (HHW)
3/4	Polystyrene
3	Potato chip packets
4	Printer cartridges

## R

3	Razors (disposable)
3	Rope (short lengths)

## S

3	Sanitary products
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**C**

- 1 Cardboard (boxes & other types)
- 2 Cardboard (soiled)
- 4 Car parts
- 3 Ceramics
- 4 Cleaning products (HHW)
- 3 Cling wrap
- 3 Clothing/shoes (damaged)
- 7 Clothing/shoes (good condition)
- 3 Coffee cups
- 2 Coffee grounds
- 3/4 Coffee pods
- 4 Computer components/ accessories
- 2 Cooking fat
- 2 Compostable liners
- 4 Concrete (C&D)
- 3 Cotton wool & buds
- 3 Cutlery (plastic)
- 2 Cutlery (wood/bamboo)

**D**

- 2 Dairy products
- 4 Dirt & soil (C&D)

**E**

- 1 Egg cartons
- 4/5 Electrical appliances
- 1 Envelopes

**F**

- 4 Fertiliser (HHW)

**K**

- 2 Kitty litter

**L**

- 2 Lawn clippings
- 4 Light bulbs/fluorescent tubes (HHW)
- 3 Lolly bags & wrappers
- 3 Long-life cartons

**M**

- 1 Magazines
- 4/5 Mattresses
- 3 Meat trays (all)
- 4 Medicines
- 1 Metal lids
- 1 Milk bottles & cartons (not silver lined)
- 4 Mobile Phones
- 4 Motor oil

**N**

- 3 Nappies (disposable)
- 4 Needles & sharps – visit safesharps.org for needle exchange program or check with your chemist
- 1 Newspapers (clean)
- 2 Newspapers (soiled)

**P**

- 4 Paint tins (empty or full)
- 4 Paint (HHW)
- 1 Paper (not shredded)
- 2 Paper (shredded)
- 1 Paper bags
- 2 Paper towels & napkins
- 1 Paper towel rolls (inner)

**2**

- Seafood

**3**

- Soft plastics

**1**

- Steel cans (rinsed)

**3**

- Straws

**T**

- Take-away food containers (clean & empty)
- 1
- 2 Tea bags
- 4 Timber – treated
- 2 Tissues
- 3 Toothbrushes
- 3 Toothpaste tubes
- 3 Toys (broken)
- 4 Toys (fixed)
- 4 Tyres

**V**

- 3 Vacuum cleaner dust
- 5 Video tapes

**W**

- 2 Weeds
- 5 Whitegoods
- 2 Wood (garden pruning)

**X**

- 4 X-rays

**Y**

- 1 Yoghurt containers (empty/rinsed)

**(HHW) = Hazardous Household Waste**  
**(C&D) = Construction & Demolition**

Please remove the magnets before placing this calendar into your recycling bin.

Magnets can be reused or should be disposed of by placing into your general waste bin.



Town of Cottesloe

Telephone: 9285 5000

Email: [town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au](mailto:town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au)

Online: [www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au](http://www.cottesloe.wa.gov.au)



[www.wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au)

Verge Valet™: [vergevalet.com.au](http://vergevalet.com.au)

Verge Valet & Recycling Hotline: 9384 6711

### Which bin do I put it in?

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