



WASTE REDUCTION TIP: YELLOW PAGES OPT OUT

Concerned about waste paper? Fed up with bulky, hard to recycle directories in your Material Recovery Facility?

The service cancels the delivery of one or both (Yellow and White) directories for five years at an address.

By using www.directoryselect.com.au or calling **1800 008 292**, you can choose which books you would like to receive and not receive.

Phone books are unsuited to kerbside recycling systems. However, if you have any, they should go into the yellow-topped bin. It is preferable that you cancel your delivery if you don't make use of them in your home anymore.

If you're a business with more than 20 old books, you can get free recycling advice, or arrange for the books to be picked up by calling Visy Recycling on **1300 368 479**. In 2010-11 research showed 98% of Australians surveyed said they recycled (83%) or reused (15%) their books.

There are also tools available on the website for Strata/Body Corporates to use in order to inform residents of multi unit dwellings about how to opt out.

For more information visit Directory Select.



NEW RECYCLING CALENDAR

You should soon be receiving your 2014/15 Recycling Calendar. Your calendar is an important resource and should be kept on your fridge and referred to regularly to help you to Recycle Right.

For a more comprehensive A-Z list, see the Recycle Right website at recycleright.net.au or download the Recycle Right App from the App Store or Google Play.



Please place your old calendar in your yellow-topped bin to be recycled.



RED HAT LADIES TOUR THE RRRRC

The RRRRC recently had a visit from the ladies of the Red Hat Society. The ladies enjoyed learning about the SMRC's resource recovery processes, and also visiting the RRRRC community vegetable garden and recycled art sculptures.

They were also keen to take home the Recycle Right message, to try out the compostable bin liner samples they were provided with and to promote waste minimisation in their communities.

To book a tour of the RRRRC contact Anna or Claire on **9256 9555**, or email tours@smrc.com.au



Photo: The Red Hat Ladies on tour at the RRRRC





BIOFILTER MAINTENANCE

In accordance with SMRC's Biofilter Management Plan and Biofilter Refurbishment Plan, a biofilter media inspection and refurbishment program commenced in June. Biofilter 1 cell 3 was the first unit to be inspected. The cell media was inspected and a small section of the media support grates were replaced as was the media and the cell was returned to service approximately 2 weeks after commencement. We anticipate that the entire program will be completed by end of September 2014.



Photo: Air diffuser cone inside the biofilter



Photo (left to right): Claire Dunn and Anna Sondalini

TOURS.....

The Recycle Right Tour Guide can provide your school, community group, family and friends with a fantastic tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. The tour takes 1.5 to 2 hours and includes a stroll through the conservation area, the Waste Composting Facility, Audit and Green Waste Facilities and finishes in our state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility Education Centre.

For further information, or to book your tour, please call Claire or Anna on **9256 9555** or email tours@smrc.com.au

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK HOTLINE

At the SMRC we welcome feedback from the community about our operations at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale. With your assistance, we can improve how we work and achieve our vision of delivering sustainable waste management solutions for the benefit of our communities and the environment.

The SMRC's Community Feedback Hotline is open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can use the Community Feedback Hotline to:

- Report an odour you suspect may be coming from the RRRC
- Tell us what you think about recycling in the Southern Region of Perth
- Give us feedback about a tour you have been to at our facility
- Give us feedback about your waste calendar and how you would like to receive your information about recycling.

Once an odour is reported to the Community Feedback Hotline, details such as the location, time and character of the odour will be immediately sent to the staff at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre, who will conduct an inspection of the Waste Composting Facility, as well as investigate the location where the odour was reported.

Incidences of odour are also immediately sent to the DER so their officers can attend to determine the source of the odour.

A call to our feedback line will receive a personal response by the next working day.

Odours reported hours or days after they have been experienced cannot be verified.

The Community Feedback Hotline, **1300 556 726**, is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.



RECYCLE RIGHT IN THE CITY OF COCKBURN



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Commencing on World Environment Day and running for 3 days, the City of Cockburn together with Recycle Right ran a stall at Phoenix Shopping Centre, aiming to engage the community and improve recycling rates in the home.

The community was very engaged, with many already separating out recyclables, with everyone wanting to learn more and keen to improve.



Photo: Anna Sondalini and Claire Dunn at Phoenix Shopping Centre



Friends of Ken Hurst Park Tree Planting Day



Group photo after the planting at the RRRC admin office



Young volunteers learning to use a Potti-Puki

On Sunday the 15th of June SMRC staff and volunteers through the Community Advisory Group along with the Friends of Ken Hurst Park, joined to plant trees in Ken Hurst Park, adjacent to the RRRC. Approximately 30 people turned out and together we planted 250 trees in 2 hours. A big thanks to Chris and Julie, Taryn and Mick – your efforts are very much appreciated by the SMRC and the Friends of Ken Hurst Park. Participants gathered in the Meeting Room at the RRRC after the tree planting to enjoy some lunch, which included vegetable pie made from vegetables that came from the RRRC garden.



REGISTER FOR THE PLASTIC FREE JULY CHALLENGE



The Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) is encouraging local households, businesses and schools to accept the Plastic Free July Challenge. The challenge is quite simple: attempt to consume no single-use plastic during July.

Single-use plastic is anything that is intended to be used once then thrown away. If all single-use plastic sounds a bit daunting, just try the "big four" single-use plastic items are plastic bags, plastic cups, plastic straws and plastic containers.

Plastic Free July started as a local initiative in Perth, Western Australia and has grown into a global initiative.

People can register for the challenge; and share their experiences, ideas and tips at www.plasticfreejuly.org

DO YOU NEED TO DE-CLUTTER?

Why not join in the Garage Sale Trail and have a sale on Saturday the 25th October.

Visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au for more information about Garage Sale Trail and how you can get involved.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

If you would like to join the CAG or learn more about what they do, please contact them on the details below.

Please email smrccag@gmail.com or write to them at SMRC Community Advisory Group, PO Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154.

Did you know the contents of your green topped bin are composted?

10% General Household Waste
(Check your council for exceptions)

90% Organic Waste

Remember the following items will contaminate your composting bin, so please -
NO glass or ceramic items
NO hazardous waste: chemicals, batteries or printer cartridges
NO demolition or building materials

Did you know the contents of your yellow topped bin are recovered and recycled?

All plastic containers & plastic wraps
(empty with lids off)

All glass & ceramics
(whole & broken)

All paper, junk mail, glossy magazines & cardboard products
(empty)

All metal containers, steel & aluminium including aerosol cans

PLEASE
Empty and rinse
Remove lids
Do not flatten containers
Items should be loose

REMEMBER
NO hazardous waste
NO kitchen or garden waste
NO building waste

Do you love recycling?
The Community Advisory Group (CAG) is your point of contact for recycling and more. We'd love to hear from you!

Would you like to join the Community Advisory Group?

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council is responsible for waste management and recycling in your area.

The Community Advisory Group is an independent group made up of community volunteers who raise public awareness about recycling.

To contact or join us:
Email: smrccag@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook or write to:
SMRC Community Advisory Group
P O Box 1501, Booragoon WA 6154

Come on a tour of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre to find out what happens to your waste!



Like us on facebook at **RecycleRight NOW with SMRC CAG.**

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