

23 November 2021



Let's do the right thing and recycle right

Are you putting the right thing in your household recycling bins?

"The wide world of waste can be a daunting experience, knowing which colour bin to put what type of waste in and which household items can be recycled," said Director Environment and Development Services Leeanne Ryan. "Over the past couple of months there has been a noticeable increase in contaminated recycling with non-recyclables being placed in the yellow recycling bins."

Cardboard, newspapers, magazines, paper, rigid plastic containers from the kitchen, bathroom and laundry, steel and aluminium cans and empty aerosols, glass bottles and jars are all items that can be placed in the yellow lidded recycling bins.

When possible, lids should be removed from the containers and placed in the bin separately. While containers are not required to be rinsed they must be empty and dry. Please remember to place all recycling items loose in the yellow bins.

"Every time you put something non-recyclable in your recycling bin it's our Warrumbungle Waste team members who are the ones who have to remove that item from your recycling and put it into the general waste bins," said Mrs Ryan.

"Not only is it very unpleasant for our staff to have to remove contaminants from the contents of the recycling bins it adds costs to the process, which unfortunately have to be passed onto everyone that uses the services. Some have been placing contaminants like plastic bags, nappies, personal hygiene items or food products in the recycling bin," said Mrs Ryan.

"Thank you to our residents who are committed to recycling as it is helping us reduce the number of items that go into general waste. Please remember when you take your bins out and they get collected, there is a team of dedicated people who ensure the right thing is done with your waste," Mrs Ryan concluded.

So, let's do the right thing and recycle right!

For a full list of what can be recycled in your yellow lidded bins visit Council's website under the [Warrumbungle Waste tab](#).

Media: Leeanne Ryan | (02) 6849 2000

PO Box 191
Coonabarabran NSW 2357
Phone 02 6849 2000
Fax 02 6842 1337
www.warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au