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Keep it simple to recycle right

Are you putting the right thing in your recycling bins? Let's keep it simple.

"The process of recycling can be a daunting task, knowing what items go in the yellow bin to be recycled can be tricky. Council is urging residents to keep it simple," said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. "Removing soft plastic items, washing recyclable products and removing any items smaller than a credit card simplifies the sorting and processing of recycling."

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

Recyclable items need to be rinsed or wiped down of any food or drink residue. No food scraps, no nappies, no dirty paper or cardboard, no meat or biscuit trays, no coffee cups or lids, no soft plastics and no polystyrene are to be placed in the yellow bins.

Items smaller than a credit card are to be kept out of the recycling bin, these include bottle lids, bread tags, and straws. Larger lids such as lids from butter or margarine tub can be recycled. Recyclable items are to be placed in the yellow bins individually, do not box or bag up recyclable items.

All recycled items are emptied from recycling bins and delivered to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located at the Coonabarabran Waste Facility. "The MRF is where household recyclables are sorted into individual commodity streams, such as paper, metals, plastic and glass using machinery, while Council employees remove large pieces of contamination, plastic bags and small item by hand," Cr Doolan explained.

"So, let's do the right thing, keep it simple and recycle right," Cr Doolan concluded.

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

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