



Household Recycling

During 2009-10, residents recycled 4,195 tonnes of household materials. This is the same as saving enough electricity to power 3,660 homes, enough water to fill 24 Olympic swimming pools and removing 593 cars worth of greenhouse gases from the road.

Why Recycle?

Avoiding waste generation is generally seen as the best strategy for dealing with problems associated with waste.

Considerable natural resources are lost through waste. Some resources are bound in the final waste material and others are consumed during the manufacturing process.

Recycling has benefits to:

The economy - by increased productivity in manufacturing processes and the development of the new industry of recycling processing.

The community - by reducing impacts on public health such as from contamination from landfills.

The environment - by reducing pollution of waterways, air, land and the generation of greenhouse gases.

Kerbside Recycling

More than 18,500 homes in the Cessnock LGA have access to the kerbside recycling system utilising the yellow topped split bin. The recycling bins are collected every fortnight and processed by Hunter Resource Recovery under a joint arrangement with Cessnock, Maitland and Lake Macquarie councils.

Recently the items able to be collected through the kerbside recycling service was expanded. Residents can now place the following in their recycling bins:

- In the front section paper including all newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, advertising material and cardboard.
- In the rear section all cans (as well as steel pots and pans), all glass jars and bottles (with plastic



lids removed), all milk and juice cartons, all food and beverage containers (marked with a recycling symbol or numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7).



Drop-off Points

Cessnock City Council also provides FREE recycling opportunities at the entrance to the Cessnock Waste and Reuse Centre where users are directed to deposit goods at the Reuse Centre, domestic recycling drop-off point, in the metals stockpile, e-waste container or motor oil recycling point. During 2009-10 approximately 205 tonnes of paper and cardboard, 2,400 tonnes of metal, 7,369 tonnes of green waste and 816 tonnes of concrete waste were diverted from landfill through this service.

2nd Hand Saturdays

- Designed to divert unwanted household goods for reuse by industry and some local charities.
- Service occurs 34 times a year at different community areas.
- Household goods are sorted into product groups to be used by charity and industry groups.
- Charities select products for resale via their retail stores, while industry use some products to manufacture new goods.

Further Information

For further information on this topic check out these websites:

www.hrr.com.au

www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Or call Cessnock City Council on 4993 4100



What else can you do?

We can still do more :

- Avoid buying extra waste - say no to plastic bags, put a no junk mail sticker on you mailbox, buy items in recycled packaging.
- Reuse materials - use jars for storage, milk cartons as seed boxes, give magazines to hospitals and unwanted goods to op-shops.
- Avoid contaminating the recycling stream - only put in the recycling bin materials that can be recycled and nothing else.
- Recycle as much as possible - buy products in packaging that can be recycled.