

TOTAL MATERIALS RECOVERED & RECYCLED IN VICTORIA 2015–16

12.7 MILLION TONNES OF WASTE GENERATED BY VICTORIANS

4.2 MILLION TONNES SENT TO LANDFILL

8.5 MILLION TONNES DIVERTED AT A RATE OF **67%** FROM LANDFILL FOR RECYCLING



86% REMAINED IN VICTORIA



14% EXPORTED OVERSEAS



<1% SENT INTERSTATE

KEY FINDINGS

Local government collected 2.14 million tonnes of kerbside garbage, recyclables and garden organics (equivalent to 353kg per person), an increase of 0.6 per cent from 2014–15.

- Of the 2.14 million tonnes of kerbside garbage, recyclables and garden organics collected:
 - 1.16 million tonnes was garbage (462kg per household; 191kg per person).
 - 590,000 tonnes was recyclables (241kg per household; 97kg per person).
 - 394,000 tonnes was garden organics (290kg per household; 65kg per person)

DID YOU KNOW?



Recycling is a term used to cover a wide range of activities, including collection and sorting, reprocessing and manufacture of new products. Recovery is the process of obtaining matter or energy from discarded materials



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TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSEHOLD KERBSIDE COLLECTION RESULTS IN VICTORIA 2015-16

2.14 MILLION TONNES OF GARBAGE, RECYCLABLES & GREEN ORGANICS COLLECTED

44% STATE AVERAGE DIVERSION RATE

560k TONNES RECYCLABLES COLLECTED = **8k** MEGALITRES WATER = **12** SHOWERS FOR EVERY PERSON IN VICTORIA

AN INCREASE OF

70%  SINCE 2000-01

394k TONNES GREEN ORGANICS COLLECTED = **91k TONNES** GREENHOUSE GASES = **23,000** CARS OFF THE ROAD

\$386 MILLION SPENT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

KEY FINDINGS

In 2015-16, local government:

- Collected 94,000 tonnes of hard waste:
 - 82,600 tonnes (88 per cent) was disposed to landfill and the rest (12 per cent) was recovered for recycling.
 - On average, 50kg of hard waste was collected per household in Victoria.
- 14 local government-owned landfills closed with most landfill closures (12) in regional areas.
- 254 local government owned/operated and private transfer stations were operational, with 196 of these in rural townships and regional areas.

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A diversion rate refers to how much waste was diverted from landfill and is usually calculated as a percentage.



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