



Understanding waste and finding recycling options in your community

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Instructions

After watching the video titled 'Understanding waste and finding recycling options in your community' students can follow along with these instructions to find recycling options in their own community.

Steps 1-3 of this activity should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Next Steps questions would require additional time both in and out of the classroom.

Years 5-8

Reflect, research and answer

Step 1

Find out which Council area you live in - [click here \(https://bit.ly/FindACouncil\)](https://bit.ly/FindACouncil)

Step 2

Search your Council website. Sometimes the information will be on the front page, if not look for the search bar. You may want to try search terms such as "waste" or "recycling" or "bins".

Step 3

Download your Council's waste booklet/calendar or equivalent. If you can't find it, try making a note of what materials are accepted in each bin, and what the collection days are in your area.



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Next Steps...

- Check your home bins. Do you have all the bins your Council provides?
- Spread the word with your family. Create a short film or posters for your indoor and door bins. You could even try a quiz! Do your family members know what waste goes where?
- Taking it to school. Start investigating your bins at school. Are they the same or different to your bins at home?
- What are some of the other materials that can be recovered in your community like light globes, toothbrushes, or batteries?
- Using desktop research, brainstorm some ideas about what could be made using the materials that go into your bins.



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Links for more information

- War on Waste (<https://bit.ly/WarOnWastelink>) - Watch an episode, take a quiz, share your story!
- Sustainability Victoria (<https://bit.ly/SusVic>) - Look up different materials and find out where you can take them to be recovered or recycled.
- Bread tag recycling (<https://bit.ly/BreadTags>) - Find out more about bread tag recycling and register your school as a collection point!
- REDcycle (<https://bit.ly/RedCycle>) - Find your closest soft plastics drop off point
- Replas (<https://bit.ly/Replaslink>) - Find out how soft plastics are recycled
- Take your E - waste to a better place (<https://bit.ly/RecycleEWaste>) - Find out why we don't put our electronic waste into our landfill bin.