



# COVID-19

## Waste Management Tasmanian Councils

With many people and families now working and studying from home due to COVID-19, the amount of general household waste in each residence may increase. Although Tasmanian Councils continue the usual waste collection services, councils can't increase load collection with the same number of garbage trucks available.

Residents can assist waste overload by continuing to separate their general waste, recycling and green waste, as well as encourage people to be mindful about reducing and reusing where possible.

### Things we can do to help:

- Start a compost bin or pile for your organic waste, such as food scraps and garden clippings.
- Remember to collapse cardboard boxes, cans and packaging before placing them in bins.
- Don't spring clean, as tempting as it may be leave that until we get through the COVID-19 crisis.
- Keep unwanted clothes, household items, furniture or appliances until we get through the COVID-19 crisis.
- Limit use of single-use and disposable products and choose alternatives which can be used again.
- Opt for products with minimal packaging where possible.
- Reuse plastic bags when you don't need them. Keep reusable bags handy so you remember to take them to the shops. You can also use boxes or your own shopping trolley bag or backpack.
- If you don't read advertising mail, put a sign on your letterbox to avoid receiving it.
- Use washed takeaway containers as stackable containers for frozen food.
- Recycle unwanted plastic bags or soft plastics including pasta and rice bags, shopping bags, foil lined chip packets, frozen food and veggie bags, bread bags (ties and tags removed), confectionery bags and plastic wrap from outside of toilet paper and paper towels through REDcycle at most Coles and Woolworths stores.
- Roll aluminum foil into a ball and place it in a recycling bin, even if it has food stuck to it.
- Reuse glass jars to store food or other items or pass them on to friends or groups that will reuse them.

**For non-hazardous excess waste that cannot be reused or recycled, please check with your local council.**

**For more tips on reducing waste, please visit <https://www.energy.gov.au/households/reducing-waste>**

**Or contact your local council <https://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/tasmanian-councils/council-map-and-contacts>**