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# be wastewise

### reduce

#### there's a lot we can do to reduce our rubbish

- choose products with less packaging
- consider buying in bulk and taking your own containers
- place a 'No Junk Mail' sign on your letterbox
- make litter-free lunches
- buy better quality products that can last longer

Food waste is a big problem. More than 800,000 tonnes of food waste ends up in landfill every year in NSW.

Recent audits found 50% of household landfill waste in Kempsey Shire was actually food and garden organics that should go in the green bin service.

By learning how to avoid wasting food in the first place, the average household could save over \$1000 a year.

#### save money and the environment by reducing food waste

- plan your meals
- write a shopping list to avoid impulse buying
- measure your serving sizes
- store food correctly and use leftovers
- purchase more fresh ingredients to decrease packaging waste

Check out the Love Food Hate Waste website for recipe ideas, serving quantity calculator and more

#### lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au

### reuse

#### how to make a difference

- take reusable bags to the shops
- reuse plastic bags where possible and ask your local supermarket if they have a plastic bag recycling bin
- refilling stainless steel reusable drinking bottles is better than buying bottled water
- reduce clutter around the home and hold a garage sale or donate to charity
- give things away to friends and family rather than throwing them away

For more reuse ideas and waste saving workshops visit Midwaste

midwaste.org.au











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## recycle

Recycling is easy and helps to save money and the environment.

#### Top tips for recycling

- buy things that can be easily recycled rather than landfilled
- choose things that have low to no packaging or at least recyclable packaging
- don't place items in plastic bags to recycle as it will be sent to landfill
- many items that can't go in the yellow bin are accepted free of charge at Council's waste facilities

For more information visit Council's website

#### kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste

### recover

Not all waste can be put in your kerbside bins. Community Recycling Centres offer a free, safe and simple solution for the disposal of household problem wastes.

Many of these materials can be reused and recycled if processed and disposed of correctly.

## What can't go in the kerbside bins

- liquid wastes paint, oils, chemicals
- household problem wastes (polystyrene, gas bottles, fluoro lighting, batteries)
- building and construction waste
- automotive parts
- electronic waste
- medical waste



Find out more about Kempsey's Community Recycling Centre and Mobile Community Recycling Centre at

kempsey.nsw.gov.au/waste/crc.html



