

# Waste and Recycling Strategic Management Plan

## Plain English summary

This plan is written by the City of Onkaparinga. When you see the word 'we', it means City of Onkaparinga.

### Kaurna recognition

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of Australia. They are the first people of this place – living here and looking after the land and rivers and seas. For us, this is the Kaurna people.

### Introduction

We are responsible for managing waste. Waste is what we throw away that is taken to landfill or recycled. Waste is sometimes also called rubbish.

Landfill is the place where our waste is taken if it cannot be recycled. Landfill is sometimes called the dump.

Recycling means turning waste into new things. When we recycle things, we stop them going to landfill and this is better for the environment.



## Waste in City of Onkaparinga

People living in the City of Onkaparinga have three bins for waste.

- Yellow lid bin is for things that can be recycled like glass jars, plastic milk containers, cardboard boxes and tin cans.
- Green lid bin is for food like vegetable peel and garden waste like lawn clippings. This is called organic waste. Organic waste is taken to be made into things that are good for the garden like mulch or compost.
- Red lid bin is for waste taken to landfill. Only things that can't go in the yellow lid or green lid bins or be disposed of another way should go in the red lid bin. Some things like batteries, oil and electrical waste cannot go in the red bin and must be taken to a collection point so they can be disposed of safely.

As well as picking up waste from people's homes, we also have bins for waste in public places such as along the beach, in shopping areas and parks.

We also pick up large waste items such as mattresses and some furniture (called hard waste) from the front of people's houses when they ask us to.

We also monitor and manage waste that has been left on public land without permission (called illegal dumping).

Our role is to pick up people's waste and take it to be recycled or to landfill.

It is everyone's role to make sure they put the right things in the right bin. A lot of recycling and organic waste is put in the red lid bin which means it is taken to landfill instead of being turned into other things. This is not good for the environment.

## Our plan

Our plan is about three things:

1. The services we offer such as collecting waste.
2. What we do as an organisation such as the things we buy and the services we use.
3. How we work with other services in Onkaparinga that manage waste.



Some of the activities that are part of our plan are:

- We will make plans so that we can continue to collect waste, recycling and organics in the future.
- We will think about ways we can make less waste as an organisation.
- We will use more recycled products.
- We will manage our waste from activities like building and construction in the best way.
- We will think about our hard waste service to see if we need to make changes to it.
- We will try new things to give a better service to people living in apartment blocks.

This Plain English plan is a summary of another plan. It only includes the most important ideas.

If you would like to talk to someone about our Waste and Recycling Strategic Management Plan call 8384 0666.

