

What are we throwing away?

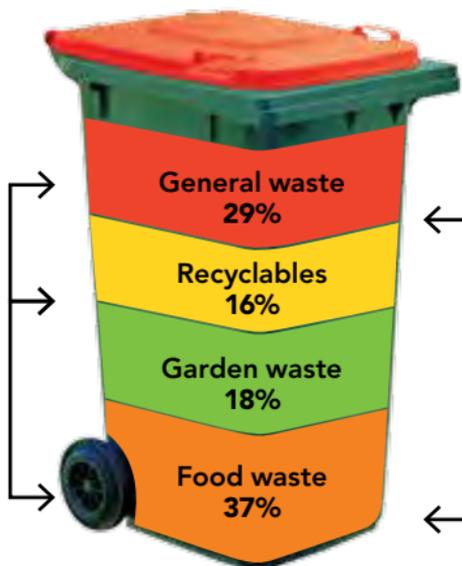
This picture shows what the average Brisbane household places in their rubbish bin each week identified in Council's waste characterisation survey.

Everything placed in your household rubbish bin is sent to landfill.

As you can see:

More than **16%** of the bin contains items that could have been put in the household recycling bin.

About **55%** of the bin contains garden waste and/or kitchen scraps that could have been put in a compost bin or worm farm.



More than **71%** of the contents in your household rubbish bin could have been kept out of landfill.

You can help reduce what is sent to landfill by finding out more about what can be recycled, and by putting the right items in the right bin.

Rethink your rubbish



Recycling around your house



If you take a look around your house, you'll find recyclables in every room. The kitchen, laundry, bathroom and even the garage provide lots of recycling opportunities for the keen recycler.

Place items made from **paper, cardboard, firm plastic, metal (aluminium and steel)** and **glass** in your recycling bin at home.

What's the easiest way to tell if something is recyclable?

If you're unsure whether an item may be recycled, ask yourself: "What is it made from?" If the answer is paper, cardboard, firm plastic, metal (aluminium and steel), or glass you can be confident it can be recycled. Even if it does not have the recycling symbol it can still be put in your recycling bin at home.



In the bathroom

Recycle: toilet rolls, containers for shampoo, conditioner and body wash, hair gel tubs, aerosol cans including those used for air fresheners, deodorant and hair spray, glass bottles used for aftershave, perfume or vitamins and empty cleaning product bottles.





In the laundry

Recycle: washing detergent boxes and all plastic containers including those used for washing liquid, fabric softener, stain remover and cleaning products.

In the garage

Recycle: newspapers, boxes, empty aerosols and packaging materials, all plastic containers and paint tins (empty and dry).

Containers or tins from the garage still containing paint, oil or chemicals can be disposed of at Council resource recovery centres. See page 26 for details.

