

Hi, I'm Pam the Picker and this is Sam the Sorter. We haven't met yet, but Sam and I know you better than you know us. So, allow us to introduce ourselves and what we do.

We hand sort your recycling so that as much as possible is reused and not sent to landfill. Thankfully a lot more people are recycling these days but please spare a thought for Sam and I by following the tips below.

RECYCLING TIPS

1 Clean

- Your waste isn't garbage! Remember that after you finish with it garbage men collect it, then Sam and I sort through it and then it goes on through a number of processes to become another product for you to rebuy at the supermarket. So please put all recyclables into your recycling bin in the way you'd like to receive it. Clean!
- Please remove all food scraps and liquid from containers before placing them in the recycling bin.
- Perhaps rinse your recyclable bottles, jars or cans at the end of your washing up - or before they go in the bin.



2 Sort

Are you like me and sometimes forget what recycling goes in which bin? Please refer to this table if you are ever unsure.

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- All kinds of paper & cardboard
- Please rip out any bindings before putting spiral notebooks in the bin
- Pizza boxes – please dispose of pizzas first!



PLASTIC, GLASS & CANS

- Plastic & glass bottles & jars with a symbol
- EMPTY Metal cans & paint tins (lids off)

Check the packaging for these symbols



and please take all plastic or metal bottle caps off, thanks!



- NO Plastic bags** – While carrying your mixed recycling in a plastic bag saves you time, it means that if it arrives at the recycling facility this way, most of it does not get recovered. Please take the time to separate your recyclables for a better long term solution.
- NO Disposable nappies** – they cannot be recycled! Please place into your main rubbish bin.
- NO Broken glass or crockery** – it cannot be recycled. Please carefully dispose in your main rubbish bin.
- NO Sharps** – these are dangerous – please dispose of any needles or syringes in special sharps bins. Ask your local council for more info.
- NO Asbestos** – please do not place ANY material containing asbestos in your recycling bins - it will contaminate all the contents and will need to be sent to landfill. Please contact your local skip provider instead.

Please use this fact sheet as a guide only - contact your local council for further information on recycling in your area.

3 Buy It Back

You can see the results of your hard recycling efforts by going to your local store. Many products are now recycled. Just look for the recycled content labels. Better still, reward the companies using recycled content by buying Australian recycled products! This is what's called, closing the loop. The more recycled products you buy, the more recycling we need to keep your needs satisfied! Basically, you control the action, so as a wise man once said, "Be the change you want to see in the world" (Gandhi)

100% Recycled