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in Mount Gambier

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Each year Mount Gambier residents send over 5,600 tonnes of rubbish to Caroline Landfill via their general rubbish bins. Over 50% of this does not need to be buried in landfill, but can be recycled or turned into compost.

This A–Z list is your detailed guide for reuse, recycling, and safe disposal options for a wide variety of everyday products and household items.

Together we can make a significant difference in helping the environment and reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill, as well as reducing the amount of resources we need by recycling correctly. Recycling uses significantly less resources than using new materials.

When thinking about waste remember to observe the Waste Hierarchy:

1. **Avoid** ... creating waste in the first place – e.g. buy fresh food without packaging.
2. **Reduce** ... the amount of waste – only buy what you need.
3. **Reuse** ... items when you can – e.g. use containers for storage at home.
4. **Recycle** ... paper, cardboard and plastics in the Recycling bin. Put food and garden waste in the FOGO bin or home compost.
5. **Dispose** ... of non-recyclable items appropriately.

Let's work together to make Mount Gambier a clean and green city!

Recycling tips:

- Make sure recycling items are clean and free of food waste; give them a quick rinse with your dish water.
- Take the lids off bottles and jars and put the lids in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin – lids are generally too small to be picked up by the sorting machines at the local recycling sorting facility. Some lids can be recycled via dedicated collection points. See list below.
- Crush recycling items so they take up less space in your Recycling bin.
- Do not wrap recyclables in plastic bags before placing them in the Recycling bin.
- Plastics 1-5 can be recycled in Mount Gambier. Plastics 6 & 7 cannot be recycled in Mount Gambier.

Notes about the guide:

- "Yes*" means that the item can be recycled but not in the household Recycling bin.
- "No*" means that the item cannot be recycled and also cannot be put in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin, it needs to be taken somewhere else for correct disposal.
- Any item that can be put in the household Rubbish (Landfill) bin can also be dropped off at the City of Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station in Eucalypt Drive for a fee.
- Garden waste can also be taken to the Waste Transfer Station in Eucalypt Drive for a fee.

If your business or community group collect items for recycling please contact Council for possible inclusion in this list in the future.

Recycling bin: Large blue bin (yellow or blue lid)
FOGO bin: Large green bin (lime green or dark green lid)
Rubbish (Landfill) bin: Small green bin (red or dark green lid)

Note: FOGO stands for "Food Organics Garden Organics). The FOGO bin Is for all organics - food waste and garden waste. This bin has also been known as the greenwaste bin and the organics bin.

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Aerosol cans	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Aluminium cans	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Aluminium foil	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be clean of food waste. Collect into a ball the size of a fist or larger so it can be correctly sorted at the recycling facility. Place dirty foil into Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Animal droppings	Yes*	• Home compost	Can be home composted in hot compost or buried in the garden. Not advisable to use near food plants. Not advisable to use the compost product on food plants, but can be used for ornamentals.
Agricultural chemicals	Yes*	• Register on the ChemClear website or call 1800 008 182.	Collected materials are recycled or appropriately disposed of. Once registered, you will be included in a periodic collection. Costs may apply.
Agricultural chemical containers	Yes*	• District Council of Grant depot	Free drumMUSTER disposal of farm chemical containers by appointment only.
Agricultural plastics - baling twine, silage wrap	No	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Ammunition	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Police Station	Unwanted ammunition or firearms to be taken to the Mount Gambier Police Station.
Appliances - toasters/ irons etc. in working order	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council's website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Appliances - toasters/ irons etc. <u>not</u> in working order	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Items are sent off for recycling.
Artificial finger nails	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Asbestos	No*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Asbestos must be wrapped and sealed in plastic before disposing at a licensed landfill such as Caroline Landfill (conditions apply). Contact Council on 8721 2555 for further information. Guidelines exist to protect your health and the health of others when dealing with asbestos. For more information contact Council.
Ash	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	Ash must be cool before putting in the FOGO Bin. Small amounts of cool ash could be spread in the home garden.
Bags - Plastic	No	• See "Plastic bags"	
Bags - Potting mix etc.	No	• See "Plastic bags"	
Bags – Water Softener Salt	No	• See "Plastic bags"	
Band aids	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	

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Baskets - cane	Yes*	• Op Shops • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	If in poor condition, place in rubbish (landfill) bin.
Batteries -e.g. nickel cadmium, alkaline AA, 6V etc.	Yes*	• ALDI • Bunnings • Coles • Woolworths Marketplace • Mount Gambier Library • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • South East Battery Service • Total Tools	The sites shown to the left offer free disposal of small domestic batteries, up to the size of a 6V battery only. SE Battery Service will take any type of battery.
Batteries - motor e.g. 12 volt, lead acid	Yes*	• See 'Car Batteries'	
BBQ Gas Bottles	Yes*	• See "Gas bottles - BBQ"	
Beer bottle tops	Yes*	• Recycling bin	Metal lids can be recycled if placed in a steel can with the top of the can squeezed shut, and then put the can in the Recycling bin. Do not put loose lids into Recycling bin.
Bicycles	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops	Bikes in good condition can be taken to local the Waste Transfer Station for selling through the ReUse Market, or to op shops for reselling.
Bicycle tubes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Biscuit packaging	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Biscuit tins	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Bones	Yes*	• FOGO bin	
Books - good condition	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Mount Gambier Book Exchange • Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Books - poor condition	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Bottles - glass (NOT broken)	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	Make sure the lid is taken off and the bottle is EMPTY. * To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Bottles - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	Make sure the lid is taken off and the bottle is EMPTY. * To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Bottle tops - metal	Yes*	• Recycling bin	Metal lids can be recycled if placed in a steel can with the top of the can squeezed shut, and then put the can in the Recycling bin.
Bottle tops - plastic	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Civic Centre • Local Coles and Woolworths stores (bins at front of store)	Only # 2 and # 4 lids. Must be cleaned and seals removed. Plastic lids can also be placed in a plastic milk bottle with the top of the bottle squeezed shut, and then put the bottle in the Recycling bin. Do not put

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			loose lids into Recycling bin.
Boxes - cardboard	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Branches - big	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Green waste is composted.
Branches - small	Yes*	• FOGO bin	MUST be less than 15cm in diameter and less than 60cm long to be placed in your FOGO bin.
Bras	Yes*	• Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Bread bags - plastic	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Bread tags / closures - plastic	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Civic Centre • Local Coles and Woolworths stores (bins at front of store)	
Bricks	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. Do not put bricks in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Broken glass	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Bubble wrap	Yes	• See “Plastic bags”	
Building materials - timber, bricks, tiles etc.	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Building parts, doors, windows, floorboards etc.	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Business chemicals	No	• See “Chemicals – business”	
Cake trays - black plastic (NOT foam)	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be clean.
Cans - aluminium, steel	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	Must be EMPTY and rinsed. * To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Car batteries	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Century Yuasa • Repco Auto Parts • SE Battery Service • Green Triangle Recyclers	Many battery retailers & scrap metal yards will take back old car batteries for recycling. Contact them for details. Century Yuasa, Repco Auto Parts, SE Battery Service and Green Triangle Recyclers have FREE disposal for car batteries (contact them for further information).
Car bodies and parts	Yes*	• Top Spot Auto Dismantlers*	*Top Spot Auto Dismantlers offer a FREE pick-up service in the city and district council areas for ‘End of Life Vehicles’ ONLY (not parts). Their service includes removal and recycling of all contaminants e.g. brake fluid, coolant, oil, fuel, refrigerants, and batteries.

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Car tyres	Yes*	• Local tyre businesses • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Some tyre businesses will take for recycling, however, charges may apply (e.g. approx. $3 per car tyre). Please contact your local tyre businesses for further information, enter “Tyres – retail” and “Mt Gambier SA” on the Yellow Pages website.
Carbon paper	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cardboard (not waxed)	Yes	• Recycling bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Clean of food scraps and folded.
Cardboard (waxed)	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Carpet and carpet underlay	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin - small amounts • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Old non-synthetic carpet can be reused as weed suppressant under mulch in large areas. Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Cassette tapes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Catalogues - paper	Yes	• Recycling bin	To reduce waste place a “No Junk Mail” sticker on your letterbox and collect catalogues directly from the shop if you want them.
CDs (compact discs)	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
CD players	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Cellophane	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Ceramics, Corning Ware etc. (good condition)	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Ceramics, Corning Ware etc. (broken)	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cereal box liners	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Cereal boxes - cardboard	Yes	• Recycling bin	
CFLs	Yes*	• See “Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent globes”	
Chemicals - agricultural	Yes*	• See “Agricultural chemicals”	
Chemicals - business	Yes*	• Cleanaway Mount Gambier	Businesses can dispose of chemicals by contacting Cleanaway on (08) 8725 3500.
Chemicals - general household, cleaners, pesticides etc.	Yes*	• Cleanaway Mount Gambier	Residents can dispose of chemicals by contacting Cleanaway on (08) 8725 3500. This includes liquids like paint thinners and fuel.

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Chemical containers - Agricultural	Yes*	• District Council of Grant depot	Free drumMUSTER disposal of farm chemical containers by appointment only.
Chemical containers - household	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and rinsed.
Chip packets	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Chocolate bar wrappers	No	• See "Plastic bags"	
Cigarette butts & ash	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cleaning rags	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cling wrap	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Clothing / textiles - good condition	Yes*	• Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Clothing / textiles - poor condition	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Or use for household rags. Clothes that are not suitable for donating to op shops, and are not soiled, could be bagged and taken to Lifeline - to be sold as rags - https://southeast-sa.lifeline.org.au/donate/.
Coat hangers	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Coffee cups - disposable (cardboard)	Yes	• Recycling bin • Coles	Empty and rinsed. Plastic lids can be taken to Coles for recycling, or placed in Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Coffee cups - disposable (compostable)	Yes	• FOGO bin • Recycling bin	Must be certified compostable. If lids are also certified compostable they can be placed in FOGO bin as well.
Coffee cups - disposable (polystyrene)	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Coffee grinds	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	
Coffee pods	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Check with local cafes and suppliers to see if they sell reusable pods. TerraCycle have various direct recycling programs - https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/brigades
Coffee tins	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Compact fluorescent globes (CFLs)	Yes*	• See “Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent globes”	
Compostable containers & Packaging	Yes*	• FOGO bin	Must be certified compostable.

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Compostable cups	Yes	• FOGO bin • Recycling bin	Must be certified compostable. If lids are also certified compostable they can be placed in FOGO bin as well.
Computer paper	Yes	• Recycling bin	Reuse one-sided paper for personal notepads.
Computer equipment and parts	Yes*	• See “Electronic appliances”	
Concrete, bricks, plaster and clean building materials	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Contact lenses	Yes*	• Specsavers[1]	[1]Recycled through Opticycle.
Cooking oils - commercial quantities	Yes*	• Commercial recycling companies	Please contact your local waste company for further information, enter “Waste Reduction & Disposal Services” and “Mt Gambier SA” on the Yellow Pages website.
Cooking oils - domestic quantities	Yes*	• Home compost • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • FOGO bin	Soak in paper towel for composting. If not composted, place in FOGO (green waste) bin, or take to the Waste Transfer Station.
Corflute	Yes*	• Green Triangle Recyclers	Only fully plastic corflutes are accepted. They do not take cardboard signs wrapped in plastic. Arrange drop off by appointment only.
Corks - natural	Yes	• FOGO bin	If you don't have a FOGO bin then they can go in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Corks - plastic	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cosmetic jars - glass and plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty. Make sure spray attachment is removed and put it Rubbish (Landfill) bin. Some used cosmetic jars make good containers for small amounts of shampoo, moisturiser etc. when travelling.
Cotton reels - plastic	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cotton wool buds	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cups - Disposable (cardboard)	Yes	• Recycling bin	Empty and rinsed. Plastic lids must be placed in Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Cups - Disposable (compostable)	Yes	• FOGO bin • Recycling bin	Must be certified compostable. If lids are also certified compostable they can be placed in FOGO bin.
Cups, saucers, plates - broken	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Cups, saucers, plates - good condition	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Curtains - Good condition	Yes*	• Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops

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Cutlery - metal	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops • Scrap metal merchants	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops. Do not put metal cutlery in the Recycling bin.
Cutlery - plastic	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Crockery, ceramics, cups, plates etc. - broken	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Detergent bottles - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty.
Diesel	Yes*	• See “Chemicals - general”	
Dirt	Yes*	• See “Soil - clean”	
Disposable nappies	No	• Contents in toilet • Nappy in Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Rubbish Bin ONLY. Try using reusable nappies, or compostable nappies and putting them in the home compost.
Disposable razors	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Dog poo	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	Can be home composted in hot compost or buried in the garden, not advisable to use near food plants.
Drums, general chemical containers	Yes*	• District Council of Grant depot • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Free drumMUSTER disposal of farm chemical containers by appointment only. Must be empty.
Drink containers - cardboard, glass, plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	No broken glass. * To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Drink containers - polystyrene	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
DVDs	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
DVD / CD covers	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Earphones	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Electronic appliances	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. TVs, computers and computer products can be dropped off for free.
Engine oil	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Envelopes	Yes	• Recycling bin	You can leave the plastic window on the envelope. Backs of envelopes can be re-used for notes and shopping lists.
Eye Glasses	Yes*	• OPSM • A. L. Bolton Optometrist • The Fire Station	Collecting for Lions Club programs which regrade used eye glasses and distribute them to disadvantaged people across the world.

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		Optometrists[1] • Specsavers[1]	[1]Recycled through Opticycle.
Farm chemicals	Yes*	• See “Agricultural chemicals”	
Farm chemical containers	Yes*	• See “Agricultural Chemical Containers”	
Finger nails - artificial	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Finger nails - natural	Yes*	• Green FOGO bin • Home compost	
Firearms	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Police Station	Contact Mount Gambier Police Station to make arrangements.
Fire extinguishers	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Flavoured milk containers	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	*To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Floppy Discs	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent globes	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Foam - boxes	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Polystyrene boxes are processed at the Waste Transfer Station, then sent off to be turned into new products. Boxes must be clean - remove all tape, labels etc.
Foam - meat trays	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Foam - packaging	Yes*	• See “Foam - boxes”	
Foil - aluminium	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be clean of food waste. See “Aluminium foil”.
Food cans	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and rinsed.
Food scraps	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost • Worm farm • Pets • Chickens	Removing organics can reduce the waste in your Rubbish (Landfill) bin by 50%. For more information contact Council.
Fridges / freezers	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Fruit and vegetable scraps	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost • Worm farm	See “Food scraps”.
Fruit juice containers	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	*To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Fuel	Yes*	• See “Chemicals - general”	
Furniture - poor	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station

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condition		Transfer Station	accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Furniture - good condition	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Garden hose	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Garden pots	Yes	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops • Recycling bin	Make sure pots are clean and free of soil. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops. If the pot has a recycling triangle symbol with a 1-5 in it then it can be put it in the Recycling bin. If it has a 6 or 7 put it in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Garden waste - green organics, grass clippings, leaves, prunings	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost • Van Shaik's Bio Gro • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council's website for information on Council's organic kerbside collection service. Costs apply. Save money by mowing over dry pruning's and using the shredded product with grass trimmings and leaves as mulch or as a valuable addition to compost. For more information contact Council. Van Shaiks Bio Gro Pty Ltd is a commercial composting company on Wandilo Forest Road. Contact them for further information on costs and conditions.
Gas bottles - BBQ, camping	Yes*	• Swap for a refilled bottle at place of purchase • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See the Yellow Pages for further information or ask at your local petrol service station. Deliver to Transfer Station, empty of gas, for recycling as scrap steel.
Gas containers - other	Yes*	• Depends on bottle type.	See the Yellow Pages for further information or ask at your local petrol service station for conditions.
Glad Wrap	No	• See "Cling wrap"	
Glass - bottles, jars	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	Reuse jars for storage. No broken glass. Broken glass should be placed in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin. * To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Glass - windows, mirrors, windscreen, broken	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Glasses - sight and reading	Yes*	• See "Eye glasses"	
Gloves - latex	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Gravel	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Sandy Ridge Landfill.	Options vary depending on quantities. Large quantities can be taken to Sandy Ridge Landfill.
Greeting cards	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Guns	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Police station	Contact Mount Gambier Police Station to make arrangements.

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Hair	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	
Hard hats	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Can be recycled by RED Group in Melbourne.
Hearing aids	Yes*	• Hearing aid businesses	Businesses that sell hearing aids will take old ones for refurbishment / recycling.
Hose - garden	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Hot water units	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Household chemicals	Yes*	• See “Chemicals – general household, pesticides etc.”	
Hypodermic needles	No*	• Outside Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace	Place in yellow bin outside the Civic Centre. Do not put needles in any of your bins.
Ice cream containers - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and clean. They can be re-used for storage.
Ice cream container lids	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Inner tubes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Jar lids - metal	Yes*	• Recycling bin	Metal lids can be recycled if placed in a steel can with the top of the can squeezed shut, then put the can in the Recycling bin. Do not put loose into Recycling bin.
Jars - glass	Yes	• Recycling bin	Could be re-used for storage.
Juice cartons - liquid paper board	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	10c deposit containers can be taken to Green Triangle Recyclers.
Junk mail	Yes	• Recycling bin	Includes glossy paper items. Remove plastic packaging before recycling. Place a “No Junk Mail” sticker on your letterbox.
Kitchen paper rolls	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Kitty litter - natural	Yes*	• Home compost	Non-synthetic only. Not advisable to use the compost product on food plants, but can be used for ornamentals. Synthetic kitty litter goes in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Kitty litter - synthetic	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Leaves	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	
Lids - metal	Yes*	• Recycling bin	Put in a tin can. When almost full squeeze shut so lids do not fall out. Then place In Recycling Bin.
Lids - plastic	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Civic Centre • Local Coles and Woolworths (bins at front of	Only # 2 and # 4 lids. Must be cleaned and seals removed.

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		store).	
Light globes - fluorescent	Yes*	• See “Fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent globes”	
Light globes - incandescent (traditional globes)	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Linen	Yes*	• Op Shops	If in good condition. If in poor condition use for rags or put in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Lolly wrappers	No	• See "Plastic bags"	
Lunch boxes - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	Could be re-used for storage.
Magazines	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Makeup	Yes*	• Priceline Pharmacy	41 Commercial Street west, Mount Gambier. See store for what is accepted.
Manure - animal	Yes	• Home compost	Balanced with shredded paper or leaves it makes a balanced compost product and is great for the garden. For more information contact Council.
Margarine/butter tubs	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty & clean. Can be re-used as children’s paint pots etc.
Matchboxes	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Mattresses	Yes*	• St Vincent De Paul • Salvation Army • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	St Vincent De Paul Society and Salvation Army take mattresses in good condition, but not other Op Shops. Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Meat scraps	Yes*	• FOGO bin	Or feed to family pets.
Meat trays - plastic (not foam)	Yes	• Recycling bin	If the tray has a recycling triangle symbol with a 1-5 in it then put it in the Recycling bin, but remove any cling wrap. If it has a 6 or 7 put it in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Meat trays - polystyrene foam	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Medicine bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and clean.
Medicines	No*	• Any local pharmacy	Collected materials are appropriately disposed of.
Metals - steel, iron, copper etc.	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Scrap metal merchants	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. See the Yellow Pages for further information on metal merchants.
Milk containers - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	Rinse and remove lids. Lids go in Rubbish (Landfill) bin or recycle #2 and #4 lids - Refer to 'Plastic lids'

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Milk containers - liquid paper board	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Mobile phones	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Library	Some schools, government offices, post offices and workplaces are also registered as Mobile Muster collection points.
Motor oil	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Motor oils can be recycled free of charge at the Waste Transfer Station, and the plastic oil containers can also be recycled.
Nappies - disposable	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See “Disposable nappies”.
Needles - e.g. diabetic	No*	• Outside Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace	See “Hypodermic needles”.
Newspaper	Yes	• Recycling bin	Can be re-used as weed mat underneath mulch in the garden, or for lighting the home fire in winter.
Office paper	Yes	• Recycling bin (no shredded paper)	Re-use one-sided paper for personal notepads.
Oil filters	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Empty of oil.
Oils - motor	Yes*	• See “Motor Oil”	
Oils - cooking	Yes*	• See “Cooking oils -domestic quantities” and “Cooking oils - commercial quantities”.	
Oral care products	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Packing peanuts	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Paint - arts	No*	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See if a local kindergarten or school would like the paint.
Paint - house	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Liquid paint Is recycled through the Paintback program. See this link for a list of accepted/unaccepted items: https://www.paintback.com.au/households/accepted-products
Paint tins - empty, dried	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Pallets - wooden	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Can be re-used in the garden e.g. as surrounds to a compost heap.
Paper towel	Yes*	• Home compost • FOGO bin	Composted with food waste, moist or shredded paper products make a balanced compost product. For more information contact Council.
Paper and cardboard	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Pencils	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Pens	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Pet food tins	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and clean. Scrape clean and then give them a quick rinse at the end of your dish

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			wash up or rinse water.
Petrol	Yes*	• See “Chemicals - general”	
Pet waste	Yes*	• See “Dog poo”	
Pharmaceuticals	No*	• See “Medicines”	
Phones - landline	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Phone books	Yes	• Recycling bin	Buy recycled - look for kitty litter made from old phone books and newspapers.
Photographs and negatives	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Consider scanning them on to computer so you have an electronic record.
Picture frames - wooden	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops (if in good condition)	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Pillows	Yes*	• Op Shops	If in good condition. If in poor condition put in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Piping	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Pizza boxes	Yes	• Recycling bin	If clean of food waste put In Recycling bin. If it has food waste then put it FOGO bin.
Plant pots - plastic	Yes*	• *See “Garden pots”	
Plasterboard	No	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Plastic bags	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	REDcycle have paused their soft plastic recycling program, see their website for more details. for the time being soft plastics have to go in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Plastic bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	* To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Plastic chairs	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Chairs in good condition will be taken for free and sold through the ReUse Market.
Plastic containers - numbers 1 - 5	Yes	• Recycling bin	Look for triangle recycle symbol with a number (1-5), these containers can be recycled in Mount Gambier.
Plastic containers - numbers 6 & 7	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Plastics with a 6 or 7 on them cannot be processed for recycling in Mount Gambier.

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Plastic cutlery	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Plastic lids	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Civic Centre • Coles • Woolworths	Only # 2 and # 4 lids. Must be cleaned and seals removed.
Plastic shopping bags	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See "Plastic bags"
Plastic strapping	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Polystyrene boxes	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See “Foam – boxes”
Polystyrene meat trays, underlay, packing peanuts	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Pots - garden	Yes	• See “Garden pots”	
Pots - metal	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops • Scrap metal merchants	Do not put metal pots in the Recycling bin. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops. See the Yellow Pages for further information on metal merchants.
Printer toner and cartridges	Yes*	• Retailers of toner and cartridges • Australia Post	Australia Post at 30 Helen St has a public collection box. Most toner and cartridge retailers offer a collection point for recycling of these items. Please see the Yellow Pages and contact them for further information.
Printers	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Can be dropped off free for residents and small businesses of Mount Gambier.
Prunings	Yes*	• See “Garden Waste” • FOGO bin	
PVC Piping	No*	• Rubbish (landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See “Piping” *Could be reused for garden utensil storage holders etc.
Pyrex ovenware - broken	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Pyrex ovenware - good condition	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op Shops	See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Razors - disposable	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Reading glasses	Yes*	• See “Eye glasses”	
Receipts	Yes	• FOGO bin	
Records - vinyl	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See “Vinyl records”.
Re-usable shopping bags	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See "Plastic bags".
Rocks	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.

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			Do not put rocks in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Rope	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Could be re-used as garden ties.
Rubber products	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
School bags	No*	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	*If in good condition donate to school for re-use.
Scrap metal	Yes*	• See “Metals”	
Seedling containers	Yes*	• See “Garden pots”	
Shampoo & conditioner bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin	Put metal lids and spray heads in Rubbish (Landfill) bin, bottles in the Recycling bin.
Shoes	Yes*	• Op Shops • Athlete's Foot • Intersport	Sports shoes can be taken to Athlete's Foot. For shoes accepted by Intersport see this website: https://intersport.com.au/treadlightly/ Other types of shoes in poor condition should be disposed of in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Shopping bags	No	• See “Plastic bags”	
Shredded paper	Yes*	• FOGO bin	Try using shredded paper as a mulch on your vegie garden.
Silage wrap	No	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Silver foil	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be clean of food waste. See “Aluminium foil”.
Smoke detectors - domestic	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Commercial smoke detectors must be disposed of by returning to the manufacturer.
Soil - clean	No	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Options vary depending on quantities.
Soft drink containers - plastic, glass, aluminium	Yes	• Recycling bin • Green Triangle Recyclers*	* To cash in for the 10c rebate (if applicable).
Spectacles	Yes*	• See “Eye glasses”	
Spirit/alcohol bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin	Remove lids, put lids in Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Spray bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty. If the top spray component contains metal then remove it and put it in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin. Put the bottle in the Recycling bin.
Steel cans - food cans, paint cans	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be clean and empty.
Steel - large items	Yes*	• See “Metal”	Items like metal pots, cutlery, car parts, candle holders etc. should be taken to the Waste Transfer Station or a scrap metal merchant. Do not put these items in the Recycling bin.

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Stones	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council's website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. Do not put stones in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Stoves	Yes*	• See "Electronic Appliances"	
String	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Could be re-used as garden ties.
Styrofoam	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See "Foam – boxes etc."
Sweet wrappers	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See "Plastic bags"
Syringes - including diabetics syringes	No*	• Outside Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace	See "Hypodermic needles".
Takeaway food containers	Yes	• Recycling bin	Must be empty and clean of food waste for recycling. Polystyrene food containers are not recyclable locally.
Tarpaulin	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Tea bags	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost	
Telephone books	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Televisions	Yes*	• See "Electronic Appliances"	
Textiles	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op shops	Check Council's website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. See the recycling facilities page for a list of Mount Gambier Op Shops.
Timber, wood - treated	No	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Small quantities of treated timber only. Treated timber should not be burnt or mulched as it contains toxic chemicals which are bad for human and environmental health.
Timber, wood - untreated	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • FOGO bin	Check Council's website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges. Timber that is no more than 15cm wide, and 50cm long can go in the FOGO Bin.
Tin cans	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Tissues	Yes*	• Home compost • FOGO bin	
Toasters	Yes*	• See "Electronic Appliances"	
Toilet paper rolls	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Toner cartridges	Yes*	• See "Printer toner and cartridges"	
Toothbrushes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	

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Toothpaste tubes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Toys	Yes*	•Big W • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Op shops • Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Only hard plastic toys with no metal attached can be put in the Recycling bin. Fluffy toys cannot be recycled. Toys in good condition can be taken to the Waste Transfer Station, or donated to a local Op Shop, toys in poor condition should go into the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Tree prunings	Yes*	• See “Garden Waste”	
Tubes - inner e.g. bicycle	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
TV’s	Yes*	• See “Electronic Appliances”	
Twine, string, rope	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Could be re-used as garden ties.
Tyres - car, motorcycle, truck, tractor	Yes*	• See “Car Tyres”	Contact collection points for conditions for truck and tractor tyres.
Vacuum cleaner dust	Yes*	• Home compost	Do not compost if it contains plastic. If not composted place in Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Vapes	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	
Vegetable scraps	Yes*	• FOGO bin • Home compost • Worm farm	See “Food Scraps”
Video tapes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Video / VHS players	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Vinyl, lino (linoleum)	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Small amounts in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin. Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Vinyl records	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Rubbish (Landfill) bin	If they are in good condition take them to the Waste Transfer Station, or donate them to an op shop. If not in good condition put them in the Rubbish (Landfill) bin.
Washing machines	Yes*	• See “Electronic Appliances”	
Waxed cardboard boxes	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Wax paper	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Weeds	Yes*	• FOGO bin	See “Garden Waste”
White goods	Yes*	• See “Electronic Appliances”	E.g. fridges, freezers, washing machines.
Window glass	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See “Glass- windows, mirrors”. Windows in good condition can be taken to the Waste Transfer Station for free, and will be sold through the ReUse Market.

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Windscreen glass	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin • Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	See “Glass- windows, mirrors”
Wine bottles	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Wine bottle caps / lids	Yes*	• Recycling bin	Metal lids can be recycled if placed in a steel can with the top of the can squeezed shut, and then put the can in the Recycling bin. Do not put loose lids into Recycling bin.
Wine cask liners/bladders	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	
Wire bag ties	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	Could be re-used as garden ties.
Wire - metal	Yes*	• See “Metals”	
Wood	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	Check Council’s website for Waste Transfer Station accepted waste and for opening hours, fees and charges.
Wrapping paper	Yes	• Recycling bin	
X-rays	Yes*	• Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station • Mount Gambier Library	X-ray films contain silver in the form of halides, which can be extracted and converted into pure silver.
Yoghurt containers - plastic	Yes	• Recycling bin	
Yoghurt pouches	No	• Rubbish (Landfill) bin	See "Plastic bags"

Re-use / Recycling Facilities

RECYCLING FACILITY	ADDRESS	CONTACT DETAILS	SERVICES OFFERED
A.L. Bolton Optometrist	40A Sturt Street	(08) 8725 1303	Accepts glasses.
Australia Post Shop	30 Helen Street	13 13 18	Accepts printer cartridges and mobile phones.
Australia Post Mount Gambier East	226 Commercial Street East	13 13 18	Accepts mobile phones.
Australia Post Mount Gambier West	230 Commercial Street West	13 13 18	Accepts mobile phones.
Cartridge World	31 Crouch Street South	(08) 8723 6644	Accepts printer cartridges, mobile phones and household batteries.
Cleanaway	7 Eucalypt Drive	(08) 8725 3500	Chemicals - general household and business, cleaners, pesticides etc.
Computer Bits	54 Gray Street	(08) 8725 9533	Accepts printer cartridges.
Century Yuasa Batteries	Unit1/5 Scott Court	(08) 8723 0809	Accepts car batteries.
City of Mount Gambier	10 Watson Terrace	(08) 8721 2555	Accepts mobile phones and plastic lids.
District Council of Grant	324 Commercial Street West	(08) 8721 0444	Accepts mobile phones and batteries.
Green Triangle Recyclers	1 Eucalypt Drive	(08) 8725 2715	Accepts all items that can go in the recycling bin, as well as car batteries. Contact Green Triangle Recyclers to find out what can and cannot be dropped off out the front of the facility. Do not drop rubbish off outside the facility.
Green Triangle Electronics	169 Commercial Street West	(08) 8724 2222	Accepts mobile phones.
Harvey Norman	Cnr Kennedy Avenue & Jubilee Hwy East	(08) 8724 6800	Accepts printer cartridges, and TVs.
Limestone Coast Lighting Solutions	5 Anthony St	(08) 8723 6811	Accepts light globes.
Mount Gambier Public Library	10 Watson Terrace	(08) 8721 2540	Accepts domestic X-rays, batteries, mobile phones, CDs, and floppy discs all year.
OPSM	Centro Plaza, Helen St	(08) 8725 7222	Accepts glasses.
Repco	94 Commercial St	(08) 8725 5511	Accepts car batteries.
Sandy Ridge Landfill	Cafpirco Road, Compton	(08) 8724 9585	Accepts metals, building waste, hard waste and soil.
SE Battery Service Pty Ltd	120 Penola Rd	(08) 8725 9911	Accepts all types of batteries.

Top Spot Auto Dismantlers	12 B Wireless Rd East	(08) 8724 9577	Accepts vehicles.

Op Shops

RECYCLING/REUSE FACILITY	ADDRESS	CONTACT DETAILS	SERVICES OFFERED
Lifeline Shop	42 Commercial St West	(08) 8725 5699	Accepts books, clothing, bric a brac, jewellery.
Lifeline Warehouse (donations ONLY)	313 Commercial St West OR Centro car park and Swallow Drive shopping complex donation receptacles	(08) 8723 9322	Accepts books, clothing, jewellery, household goods (excluding electrical), bric a brac, manchester
Mount Gambier ReUse Market	3 Eucalypt Drive	(08) 8721 2444	For opening days & times visit the website Mount Gambier ReUse Market or Facebook page Mount Gambier ReUse Market Facebook Page
St Vincent De Paul	2 Crouch St South	(08) 8724 9322	Accepts clothing, books, furniture, household goods and manchester.
Salvation Army Stores	9 Caldwell St	(08) 8725 4271	Accepts clothing, toys, household goods, mattresses, books, furniture and manchester.
	50 Boandik Tce	(08) 8725 6042	Accepts clothing, toys, household goods, mattresses, books, furniture and manchester.

Waste Transfer Station

RECYCLING FACILITY	ADDRESS	CONTACT DETAILS	HOURS
Mount Gambier Waste Transfer Station	5 Eucalypt Drive	(08) 8723 9257	Monday – Friday 7.30 am – 12 pm Saturday – Sunday 2 pm – 5 pm

Useful Links:

City of Mount Gambier Waste and Recycling web page

www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/sustainability/environmental/waste-recycling-educational

Which Bin

www.whichbin.sa.gov.au

Green Industries SA YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/zerowastesa

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