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# recycle right newsletter

A publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



## RECORD WASTE REDUCTION AT THE GEORGE STREET FESTIVAL

This year's George Street Festival had an estimated 10,000+ people in attendance. The Town of East Fremantle were amazed when they undertook the post event audit to discover that a total of only 146Kg of waste was produced! That's equal to six full waste bins which is an incredible result for such a large event!

East Fremantle could not have achieved this result without the help of Go2Cup, a Perth-based family-owned business who work to replace single use items with reusable serveware for food and drink vendors. This year, in partnering with the Town for the George Street Festival, they provided a whopping 18,000 reusable items to the 25 food and beverage vendors on the day.



The Town also provided four different waste streams at the Festival – FOGO (Food & Garden Organics), Recycling, General Waste and Containers for Change – with very little contamination found in the bins.

Did you spot the Recycle Right team at the event?







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### 'BE A G.R.E.A.T. SORT'

#### WASTE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Join the Recycle Right team to experience our waste education games based on the Waste Sorted "Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort" campaign. The games can be standalone or used in a school incursion program where up to 400 students rotate through game activity stations in just one day. Each year group's session commences and concludes as a whole group to consolidate student learning and key takeaways.



The activity stations consist of:

**The GREAT Gifting Game,**  
**The Responsible Recycler Game,**  
**The Excellent Earthcycler Puzzle,**  
**The Awesome Avoiders Game,**  
**The Terrific Taker Relay,**  
**Landfill is the Last Resort Activity,**  
**Containers for Change Game**

Ready to book in? Contact Jared from Recycle Right on **9329 2700** or via email: [jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au](mailto:jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au)

### RECYCLE RIGHT WITH SANTA

Check out our top 5 recycling tips to get yourself on Santa's nice list this festive season!

Watch the video  
[youtu.be/7wbEjl9yC7k](https://youtu.be/7wbEjl9yC7k)



Recycle Right  
with Santa



Visit [bit.ly/3DZqicN](https://bit.ly/3DZqicN)

### INSPIRATION FOR ZERO WASTE GIFT GIVING

The festive season is fast approaching – there are loads of planet friendly presents you can choose to help take the stress (and waste) out of gifts.

### YOUR GUIDE TO A SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY SEASON

Here are our five top tips to manage a sustainable festive season. From how to limit waste through planning to dispose of it responsibly, you can make your holidays more sustainable.



Visit [bit.ly/3s7pG2v](https://bit.ly/3s7pG2v)

## WHERE DOES OUR FOGO GO?

Last month, the Recycle Right team joined representatives from the Resource Recovery Group, City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle on a tour of Go Organics to see how the material from the lime-green lidded FOGO bins is composted.

After the tour, we headed over to a nearby farm in Boonanarring where they are trialling the use of FOGO compost to feed their worm farms and increase soil biodiversity. So great to see the whole process come full circle!

A range of products containing composted FOGO material are now available to purchase as either trailer loads or bagged products. For more information visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au/what-is-fogo/](https://recycleright.wa.gov.au/what-is-fogo/)







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### MODERN CLOTH NAPPY WORKSHOPS

Gone are the days of pins, soaking or bleaching! Modern cloth nappies are shaped, fitted, washable and reusable. Discover modern cloth nappies and tips on how to make using them easy!

Join Kam Andrews, "The Nappy Guru" for a cloth nappy workshop to learn about using and maintaining cloth nappies. Kam will demonstrate different cloth nappies available and explain the benefits of each.

A number of workshops are being held for residents living in the Resource Recovery Group catchment area - City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle. The workshops cover modern cloth nappies for babies, toddlers, children and adults – people of all ages are welcome. Nappy rebates are also available.

**Thursday 3 February 2022** at 6pm, Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop – Eventbrite link: [bit.ly/3ITkbdy](https://bit.ly/3ITkbdy)

**Tuesday 22 February 2022** at 10am, North Fremantle Community Hall, North Fremantle – Eventbrite link: [bit.ly/3F9wffA](https://bit.ly/3F9wffA)

For more dates visit [bit.ly/3GKmb5Z](https://bit.ly/3GKmb5Z)



## JOIN A TOUR OF RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP – CANNING VALE CENTRE

If you would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb, why not come and join a tour? It's a perfect opportunity to learn a little more about an everyday activity.

During the free 1.5hr tour you will visit:

- **The FOGO Processing Facility**, where FOGO material is pre-processed to remove contamination
- **The Green Waste Facility**, where garden waste is turned into mulch
- **The Materials Recovery Facility**, where recyclables are separated, baled and sold for reuse
- **The Education Centre**, where we have lots more resources to help you to reuse, reduce and recycle

## UPCOMING TOUR DATES:

**Thursday 13 Jan 2022 @ 10am** (City of Fremantle)

Open to residents from the City of Fremantle

Register at [bit.ly/3DWgBMa](https://bit.ly/3DWgBMa)

**Community Tour – Saturday 15 Jan 2022 @ 9am**

Open to all

Bookings essential! For more information or to register, go to [bit.ly/31Xr4di](https://bit.ly/31Xr4di)

**Community Tour – Saturday 5 Feb 2022 @ 9am**

Open to all

Bookings essential! For more information or to register to [bit.ly/3s6Runr](https://bit.ly/3s6Runr)







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### RECYCLING PLASTIC **BOTTLE LIDS**



This month our Recycle Right Rangers joined the Recycle Right team on a tour of CLAW Environmental in Welshpool. Claw recycle around 2,000 tonnes of rigid plastics and expanded polystyrene every year with roughly 50 tonnes of that made up of the plastic bottle lids recovered through Containers for Change WA refund points. We even got to see some old kerbside recycling bins being shredded before they are pelletised and turned back in to new bins!

If you would like to see your plastic bottle lids recycled drop them to your nearest Containers for Change refund point, or take them along to Bottle Top Hill in Melville or The Recycle InTent in Kalamunda.

**Containers for Change**  
[bit.ly/3FoLMXX](https://bit.ly/3FoLMXX)

**CLAW Environmental**  
[clawenvironmental.com/](https://clawenvironmental.com/)

**Bottle Top Hill** [bit.ly/3yuQx9D](https://bit.ly/3yuQx9D)

**The Recycle InTent**  
[facebook.com/recycleintent](https://facebook.com/recycleintent)



## JOIN THE RECYCLE RIGHT RANGERS

The Recycle Right Rangers is a volunteer group under the umbrella of the Resource Recovery Group's 'Recycle Right' Education Program working to encourage and assist residents and businesses in Western Australia to recycle, reduce their waste and live more sustainably.

Members of the Recycle Right Rangers volunteer at community events, tours, school incursions and educational workshops all over Perth. You'll get the opportunity to join exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of waste and recycling facilities, provide feedback on the Recycle Right waste education material, attend quarterly workshops, gain a 'Working with Children Check' card, and receive valuable experience working with the community and school children on waste education.

Come and join likeminded individuals who are passionate about creating positive, sustainable change in their community!

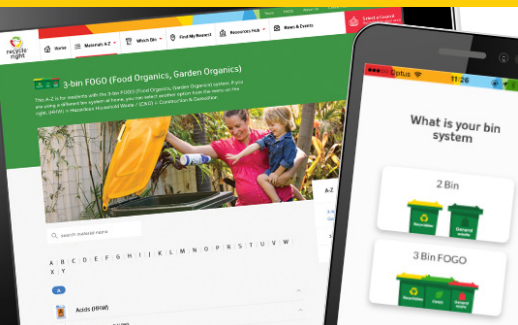
If you are interested in becoming a Recycle Right Ranger, our next Introductory Workshop is coming up on **Saturday 19 February 2022** at the Resource Recovery Group Canning Vale Centre. For more information or to register for the workshop visit **[bit.ly/3s68HNW](https://bit.ly/3s68HNW)**





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## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO 'RECYCLE RIGHT'

Our Recycle Right website and App continues to help you—the people of WA—to Recycle Right. Information on both the app and website is tailored to the full assortment of bin systems found in the Perth metropolitan area: 3-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics), 3-bin GO (Garden Organics) and 2-bin. Visit [recycleright.wa.gov.au/](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au/) to find out what goes in which bin, access an ever-growing A-Z list of items and what to do with them, Find My Nearest database of drop-off locations and Bin Day Reminders to alert you on your bin days.

The website also provides a Resources Hub of educational worksheets, how-to guides, fact sheets and templates.



## WHICH BIN? BATTERIES

The workers at our Materials Recovery Facility remove three of these containers worth of batteries from the recycling every month!

Never place batteries in your household bins. Batteries should always be taken to a drop off centre to be disposed of safely. Batteries pose a significant fire risk potentially endangering truck drivers and staff at recycling facilities if they are put in your household bins.

Use the 'Find My Nearest' tool on the Recycle Right website or app to find your closest drop off centre for batteries and other hazardous waste or head to [bit.ly/3EXoNdb](https://bit.ly/3EXoNdb) to find out more about the Household Hazardous Waste Program. There's a whole list of items that are free to drop off at 15 permanent facilities across the Perth metro and regional areas.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Bottle Top Hill – Plastic Lid Drop Off Saturday 8 Jan, 8am – 10am

**Anglican Church of the Holy Cross, 56 McLean St, Melville 6156**

Bottle Top Hill is a 100% volunteer-run community project to help change our behaviour on waste and support a more circular economy. Avoid landfill and bring your clean, plastic drink bottle tops for reprocessing in WA. The Recycle Right team will also be there to answer all of your waste and recycling questions.

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