

Get it sorted – Tips for combating half empty bins

Sorting our waste correctly has never been more important.

It's also important to pack bins correctly to ensure that waste can be collected easily through our region's kerbside collection service.

If bins are packed too tightly, or incorrectly, this could lead to kerbside bins not being emptied.

Here's some tips to ensure that your bins are packed correctly:

- Put heavy items at the bottom of the bin so that gravity can do its work. If light items are at the bottom of the bin they may not fall out.
- Cut bulky items such as tree branches or large pieces of cardboard into smaller pieces. This will ensure they don't get wedged.
- Cardboard can be taken to Mildura Landfill or any one of our transfer stations for free. This is a good option if you have lots of cardboard that won't fit in your recycling bin, or polystyrene that won't fit in your landfill/rubbish bin.
- Bag any waste that might stick to the sides of your bin, like wet or sticky organics, into a compostable bag in your green bin, or use newspaper to line your bin.

- Try to keep your bins as loosely packed as possible.
- Keep recyclables un-bagged
- Have extra waste and recycling? You can dispose of extra waste and recycling at our local landfill or transfer station. Sort your items to recycle as much as possible, and this can help save you money at the gate. To find out what can be recycled at your local waste site, visit: www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-Management/Landfills-Transfer-Stations

If you find your bin hasn't been emptied, wait until the following business day before contacting Council on (03) 5018 8100.

Need help getting it sorted? Contact Council's Waste Education Officer on (03) 5018 8100 for tips to help you manage your waste.

