

Recycling Update

March

HOLIDAY WASTE

Easter is a time of celebration and giving, but during this festive season, Australians travel, eat, drink and buy more than they usually would in quieter times in the year. This leads to excessive waste not only with packaging and litter, but also with increased food wastage. There are lots of ways you can have a happy Easter whilst also thinking about our environment and reducing our waste. Remember to plan ahead, and if you are traveling, remember to dispose your rubbish responsibly.

WHAT EASTER WASTE MATERIALS CAN BE RECYCLED



Wrapping paper



Aluminium foil



Cardboard packaging

WHAT EASTER WASTE MATERIALS CANNOT BE RECYCLED



Tinsel



Tissue paper



Plastic wrapping and cellophane



Plastic table cloths



Decorations

FAST FACTS!!

- Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday, 3 March this year. In Dubbo, meet at the Information Centre and sign up to clean up along the Macquarie River. This will be followed by a BBQ. Gather some mates and make the world a better place, one piece of rubbish at a time. Find out more at www.cleanup.org.au
- A lot of litter from inland Australia ends up in the oceans via waterways. Between 700,000 and 1,000,000 seabirds are killed from entanglement or ingestion of rubbish each year worldwide*
- Littering is against the law and you can receive on the spot fines between \$60-\$375

STORM WATER POLLUTION

Litter can cause serious long term effects in the environment. Wind and rain can move rubbish around, funneling it through the storm water system, often finding its final resting place in our lakes and waterways, causing blockages and flooding. Litter can also cause harm to wildlife, and poison the water (eg cigarette butts) Furthermore, it often eventually finds its way into the ocean, where it causes havoc with marine life.



HAVE YOU HEARD??

Dubbo City Council will be holding its **FREE Annual Kerbside Cleanup Service for prunings and tree trimmings during March 2013**. All tree prunings, branches (less than 1.8m and 10cm diameter), and timber off-cuts (less than 1.8m and 10cm - no nails, untreated, unpainted) will be accepted for collection. To find out which zone you are in and when your collection day is, please call Council's Customer Services on 6801 4000

STATISTICS

Since the beginning of your Household Kerbside Recycling Collection Service (July 2010), Dubbo and Narromine residents have recycled over **9448 tonnes** of material!



This has saved greenhouse gases (in the form of car exhaust) equal to removing **1139** cars permanently from the road,



and water savings equal to filling over **62** Olympic swimming pools!

DEBRIS IN WATERWAYS

Rubbish such as fishing hooks, line and plastic can cause major problems in rivers, ponds, lakes and oceans. Animals such as birds, fish, turtles, and frogs can ingest or become tangled in debris. If you head out for a fishing trip, make sure you take any rubbish you make back home with you, and never leave tangled fishing line, hooks or rubbish behind.



ILLEGAL DUMPING

Litter and illegally dumped rubbish can make an area look uncared for and dirty, attracting more rubbish and even crime and antisocial behaviours. The presence of litter and illegally dumped waste reduce property values in the area, and the cleanup and maintenance is costing ratepayers in NSW a stack of cash.



NEXT MONTH!

What is recycling contamination and what's the big deal? What happens when a recycling bin or a truck load of recycling is contaminated? Next month we will examine what NOT to put in your recycling bin and why. We will also talk about the most common forms of contamination found in recycling bins and how to dispose of these items correctly, so they are not causing harm to recycling factory workers or equipment.

