

Resource Recovery

What is a Resource Recovery Centre?

A Resource Recovery Centre is not a tip! Rather it is a community facility that recovers recyclables and viable items that have resale potential, which would otherwise go into landfill.

Traditionally council 'tips' or landfills were facilities that offered the community unrestricted waste disposal, with no provision for recycling.

Times have now changed and reducing the amount of waste that is put into landfill through the development of Resource Recovery Centres is an important strategy in Tasmania's plan to reduce, reuse and recycle.

There are now over 20 Resource Recovery Centres in North and North West Tasmania where residents can take their waste materials for recycling.

What are the benefits of a Resource Recovery Centre?

- Improve the ability to recycle as much as possible and reduce waste to landfill.
- There is less impact on the environment compared with landfills.
- Fire risk and odour is reduced because waste is removed regularly.
- Gives councils better control over the types of waste collected.
- Allow councils to reduce the number of landfills they have operating which can provide economic benefits.



Sorting your load

Resource Recovery Centres are set up to help you recycle as much of your waste first and then dispose of your remaining rubbish last. You can save yourself time, effort and even money at the Resource Recovery Centre if you take a couple of extra minutes to sort your load correctly before you leave home.

The **RIGHT** way to load up

When you start to load up your waste, keep the same materials together in piles on your trailer or ute. Place neat piles of green waste, timber and bricks on the sides, scrap metal on the top and any leftover rubbish at the rear of your load. This will assist you to move easily and safely from bay to bay and will reduce the time you spend unloading your materials.

The **WRONG** way to load up

If you simply throw everything onto your trailer or ute it will be very hard for you to separate your recyclable items from your rubbish. This is because the Resource Recovery Centre is designed so that you can unload one type of material at a time and continue moving in one direction. If you have not sorted your load prior to arrival you could find yourself spending time trekking backwards and forwards across the site to unload your recyclables in the correct bays.

Securing your load

Driving to the site with your load unsecured is a serious problem and is considered a driving offense. You can be fined for littering if items from your load are blown onto the road or roadside area. Large unsecured items could also cause a serious accident if they fall onto the road.

Next time you are heading to a Resource Recovery Centre make sure you sort and secure your load.

What can I recycle?

Resource Recovery Centres have been designed to assist you to recycle as much of your waste as possible and the facilities are set up at sites to help you do this quickly and conveniently.

Not all facilities are equipped to collect or recycle all materials. To find out if your local waste transfer station or resource recovery centre can recycle your waste, please go to www.rethinkwaste.com.au and use the drop down box in the top right hand side of the page, to search for your area.

