

22 May 2026

Dear community member,

**Recycling resources and bin collection calendar**

I'm pleased to share with you our 2026–2027 bin collection calendar.

Alongside our calendar, we've included updated resources about Council's waste services. In these guides, you'll find advice on:

- what can and can't go in each of our three bins
- how to book hard rubbish, bulk cardboard, and bundled branch collections
- using paper bags to recycle food waste in the green bin.

**How we did in 2025**

Last year, we disposed of just over 50,000 tonnes of material through our household bins. About 58 per cent of this was recycled or composted in our yellow and green bins.

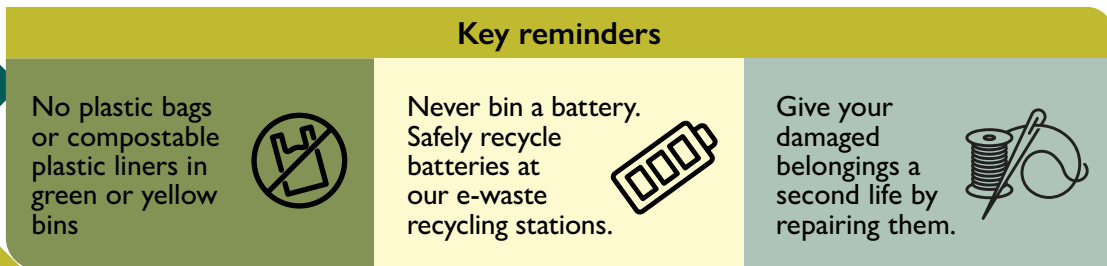
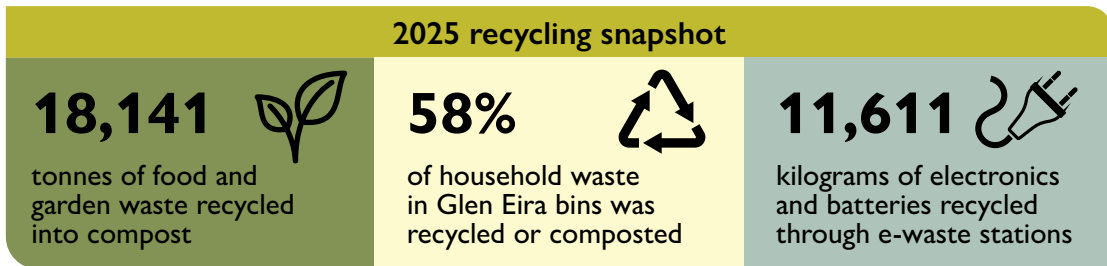
Food waste is still our biggest opportunity for improvement. 37 per cent of what we send to landfill in the red bin is food waste. Last year, that worked out to about 7,700 tonnes — that's equivalent to a whole month's worth of food in Glen Eira!

We can each do our bit to reduce food waste to landfill by:

- writing a list before we go shopping
- storing food properly to keep it fresh
- using up leftover ingredients
- composting any scraps in the green bin.

In the green bin, we're turning our food scraps into high-quality compost for Victorian farms and gardens. In the red bin, our leftovers instead go to rot in landfill, releasing methane and other greenhouse gases.

When composting, make sure to keep your green waste loose, or wrap it in newspaper, paper towel or a brown paper bag. Learn more at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/food-waste](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/food-waste)



## Avoiding waste in the first place

Last year, we saw the launch of our community-led repair cafe. Staffed by a crew of talented volunteers, the monthly Glen Eira Repair Cafe has seen over 512 items repaired, keeping more than 935 kg of material in use! To find more information about our Repair Cafe, including how to register or volunteer, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/repaircafe](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/repaircafe)

Our community Repair Cafe complements a wealth of professional repairers across Glen Eira. To find local repairers, head to [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/repairdirectory](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/repairdirectory)

Repairing our belongings is one of the many ways our community is supporting the circular economy. By choosing to repair and reuse, we're helping to keep waste out of landfill before it ever goes into a bin.

## A new life for our electronics

2025 was a record year for our e-waste recycling service. We recycled 11,611 tonnes of e-waste, including batteries, phones, videocassettes, DVDs and light globes.

You can now find our e-waste recycling stations at these six locations around Glen Eira:

- our library branches (Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield and Elsternwick)
- Moorleigh Community Village
- Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC).

The materials in our electronics can be harmful to extract. They can also cause fires in our waste trucks and facilities. It's for these reasons that electronics — anything with a battery, plug or cable — should never be placed in any household bin. Drop them off at our e-waste stations or a waste transfer station to be recycled safely instead. For more guidance on recycling electronics, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/e-waste](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/e-waste)

## We're here to help

If you have any questions about waste reduction or collection, please contact us on 9524 3333 or email [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,



Cr Dr Simone Zmood  
**MAYOR**

**If you would like this letter translated into your preferred language, contact our Communications team on 9524 3333.**

Check out the digital versions of these resources



Look up your bin days by searching your address



Unsure which bin to use? Search on A-Z Recycling Guide

