

RECYCLING

it's your choice



PREcycling - it's the next step

Recycling is great but there's a step you can take before that.

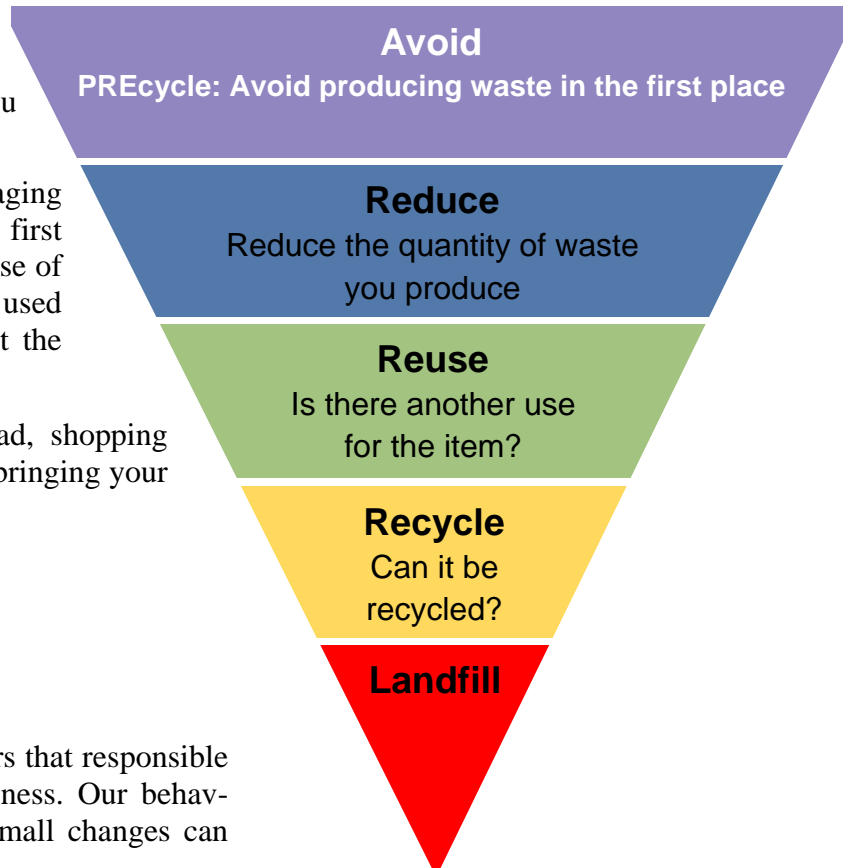
PREcycling is about cutting out packaging and only buying what you need in the first place. It's not just about how you dispose of products and packaging once you have used them, but about being conscious about the products you buy to begin with.

PREcycling focuses on planning ahead, shopping locally, buying things unpackaged and bringing your own container.

The benefits in doing this range from:

- creating less landfill,
- conserving natural resources,
- reducing food miles, and
- saving you money.

It also sends a message to manufacturers that responsible products and packaging are good business. Our behaviour can change their behaviour and small changes can make a big difference.



10 Things You Can Do To Reduce Waste...

1. **Buy what you need, not what is available to you.**
2. **Avoid buying disposable products like plastic plates, paper serviettes or disposable razors.**
3. **Say 'NO' to plastic bags - use a box or reusable bag instead.**
4. **Avoid cling wrap - use reusable containers with lids for lunches.**
5. **Buy products in concentrated or bulk form.**
6. **Select products that have minimal layers of packaging.**
7. **Choose products that come in packaging that is reusable, refillable or recyclable.**
8. **Buy fresh products and make your own biscuits, pasta sauces or cakes.**
9. **Reuse empty jars and containers for storage.**
10. **Compost or worm farm your food scraps and garden waste to reuse as fertiliser.**

Maximising Space in Your Recycling Bin

HOW?

- **Cardboard and Paper:** Cut or tear up, crush to compact.
- **Aluminium & Steel:** Crush cans.
- **Glass Bottles:** Place smaller bottles & jars inside larger ones. **Please do not break glass.**
- **Plastic:** Crush plastic bottles and put smaller bottles and containers inside larger ones.
- × Please do not put recyclables in plastic bags.

FREE Drop Off

- **Take** any additional or bulky recycling to either the Blaxland or Katoomba Waste Management Facility for **free**.
- **Please** keep recycling sorted and separate from any other waste.
- × Excess materials left near your recycling bin cannot be collected.

Your new **Resource Recovery Guide 2009/10** is coming.

Your new Guide will be delivered to your letterbox in June. Please open and keep it until July 2010.

It has important information and dates about your household kerbside services.

YOUR NEW SERVICE GUIDE IS INSIDE.
Please open and keep. You will need it until July 2010.

Did You Know?
Empty aerosol cans can go in your kerbside recycling bin to be recycled. Please make sure they are empty and remove the lid.

PREcycling COMPETITION

There are 10 double passes to local cinemas to give away. All you have to do is provide a brief answer to the question below, fill in the entry form and post it to: 'PREcycling Competition', Blue Mountains City Council, Locked Bag 1005 Katoomba 2780

Question:

What are two things you can do to reduce waste?

1. _____
2. _____

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Conditions of Entry:

1. Entries close 5th June 2009.
2. Competition is open to all residents of Blue Mountains City Council.
3. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. The first 10 correct entries drawn will receive a double pass to a local cinema.
5. All entries must contain **Name, Address and Phone Number**.

