

FAMILY GO GUIDE

Your at-home resource for **PROJECT GO**

Your school is participating in **PROJECT GO** – a FREE STEM Recycling and Sustainability program designed to inspire students and families to create positive environmental change across the Ipswich community!

Supported by Ipswich City Council, your family has received this **Family GO Guide** to make sustainable habits fun and easy to practice around your home.

By following this handy guide, your family will share what your child learned at school and join a community-wide effort across Ipswich to protect our environment and the planet.

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For more resources, information and activities, visit: project-go.com.au

WHAT IS WASTE?

A lot of the things we throw away are actually resources that can be used again. With simple habits at home, we can help those materials become something new and useful.

By sorting items into the right bins and choosing to reuse, recycle, or compost, we enhance recycling practices and reduce waste. Every little action helps keep valuable materials out of landfill and gives them another life.

Join us in making our community cleaner and greener by giving each item the best chance to be reused or recovered. Together, we can create real change in how we recycle and reduce waste to landfill, turning everyday leftovers into tomorrow's resources.

WHAT GOES WHERE?

It's easy to sort your waste confidently when you know what goes in which bin. That knowledge helps more materials get recycled and keeps unnecessary waste out of landfill.

HOW TO REDUCE WASTE

- AVOID** Choose products with less packaging.
- REDUCE** Only use what you need.
- REUSE** Repair, donate, or upcycle.
- RECYCLE** Recycle paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal, and keep contamination out.
- COMPOST** Use GO bins for garden waste and compost food scraps where possible.



Some things don't belong in ANY household bin, like batteries, e-waste, or chemicals. Scan the QR code for Hazardous Waste disposal information.



Collected fortnightly
(alternating with recycling bin)



GREEN LID BIN

What can go
in your **GO** bin:



GRASS CLIPPINGS



PRUNINGS, CUTTINGS,
TRIMMINGS



TWIGS AND STICKS

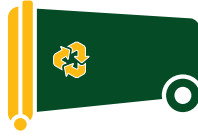


PALM FRONDS



WEEDS

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YELLOW LID BIN

What can go in
your **recycling** bin:



GLASS
Jars or bottles



METAL
Aluminium and steel
(drink and aerosol cans; food tins)



PLASTIC
Bottles and containers
(milk, soft drink and shampoo
bottles; yoghurt and ice-cream tubs)



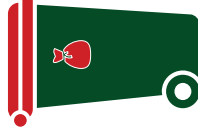
CARDBOARD
Boxes, including pizza boxes



PAPER
Newspaper, magazines,
junk mail and office paper

Remember – keep it loose, no plastic bags!

Collected weekly



RED LID BIN

What can go in
your **general**
waste bin:



PLASTIC BAGS
AND WRAPPERS



FOOD SCRAPS



COFFEE CUPS



SOFT PLASTICS



CLOTHING AND SHOES



POLYSTYRENE



NON-RECYCLABLE HARD
PLASTICS AND TOYS



LONG LIFE MILK AND JUICE
CARTONS (TETRA PAK)



DRINKING GLASSES,
GLASSWARE AND CERAMICS



HOME TOUR

Your home is full of items that can be reused, recycled, or disposed of in simple, smart ways.

This tour walks you through common spaces in the home and highlights types of waste you will find there, along with how to dispose of or recycle them.

As you go, challenge your family to spot extra items in each space and discuss how they can be reused, recycled or disposed of correctly.



Explore more by scanning the QR code for the full household waste search.

COLOUR CODE

-  Red lid general waste bin
-  Yellow lid recycling bin
-  Green lid GO bin
-  Not in any bin

Appliances

Riverview and Rosewood Resource Recovery Centres, at no cost.

Food scraps

General Waste or you can compost at home. This includes dairy and meat products.

Drinking Glasses

General Waste

Aluminium foil

Recycling
Scrunch into a ball.

Soft plastics

General Waste
Some supermarkets provide bins to recycle.

Aluminium Cans

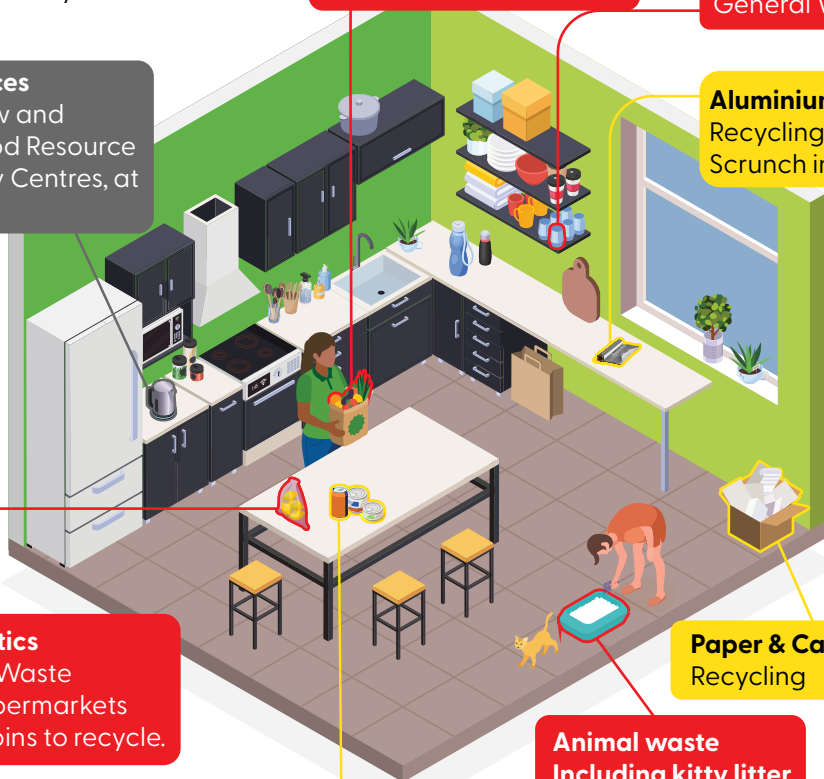
Recycling

Paper & Cardboard

Recycling

Animal waste

Including kitty litter
General Waste



LIVINGROOM

Pizza boxes

Recycling

Empty food containers, pizza boxes. All items need to be empty and have scraps removed before they go into the yellow lid bin.

Clothing

General Waste or donate to charity.

Single use batteries

Riverview Resource Recovery Centre and many large retailers provide free battery drop off points for safe disposal and recycling.

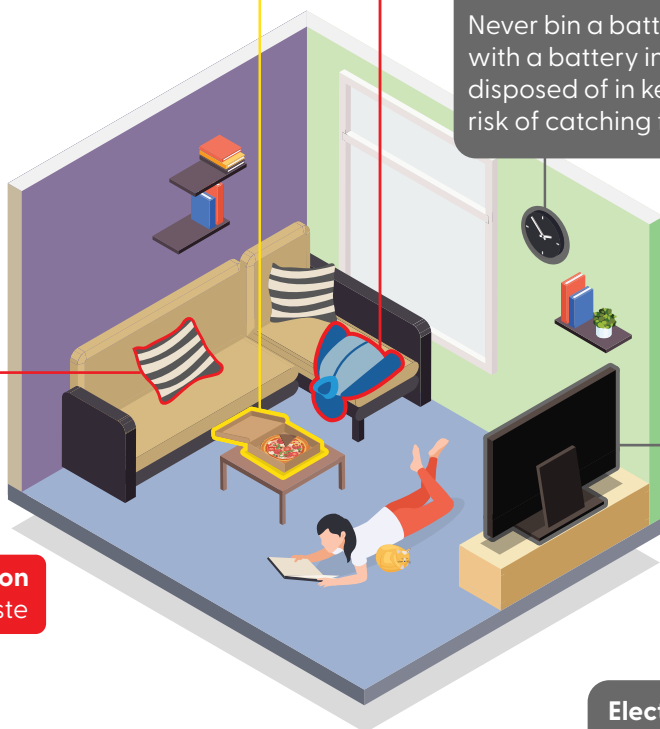
Never bin a battery or anything with a battery inside. Batteries disposed of in kerbside bins are at risk of catching fire.

Couch Cushion

General Waste

Electronics

Dispose of any e-waste at the Riverview or Rosewood Resource Recovery Centres, at no cost.



BATHROOM

Plastic Toys

General Waste
or donate to
charity.

Empty plastic bottles

Recycling

Empty Aerosol Cans

Recycling

Tissues

General Waste

Paper tubes

Recycling

Nappies

General Waste

Mirrors

General Waste

Plastic pots

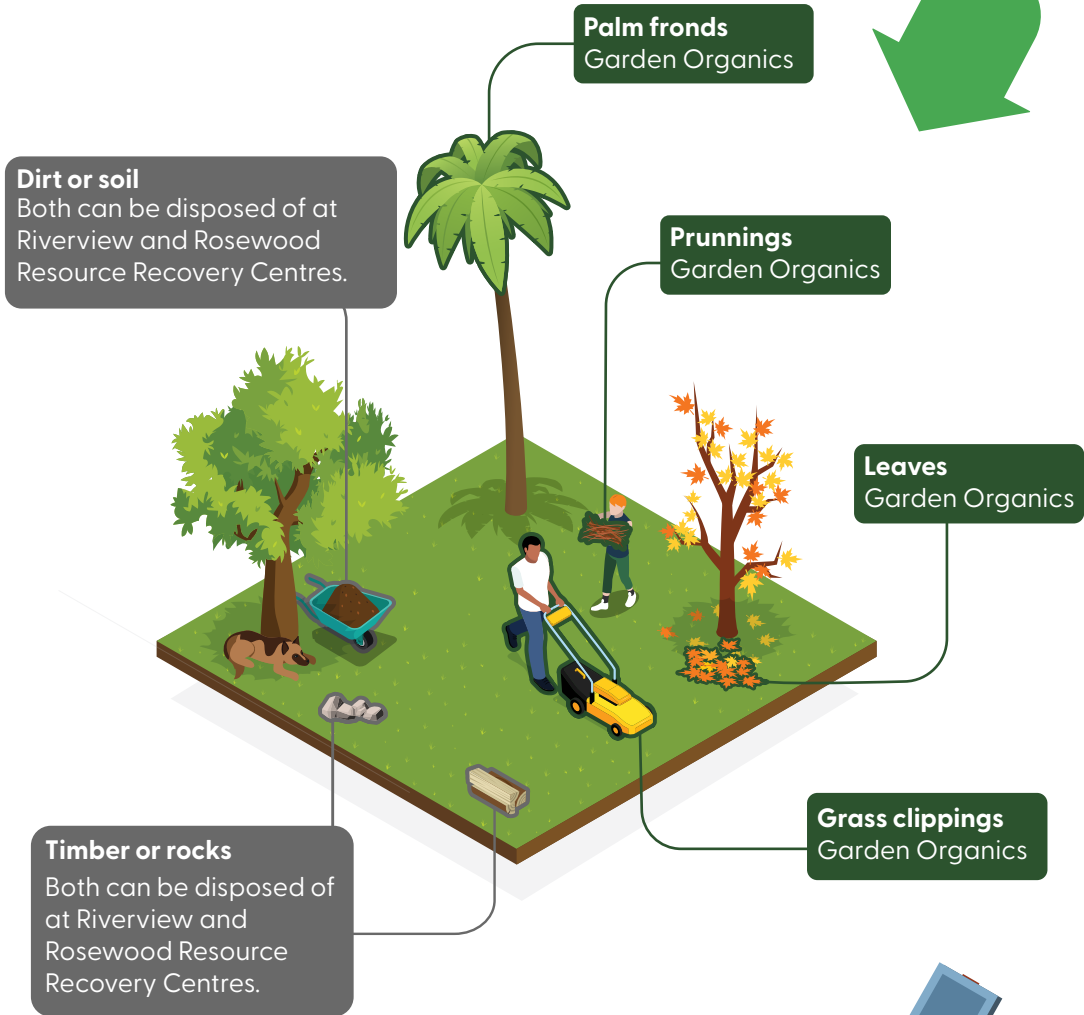
General Waste
Or return to nurseries or
garden centres for recycling.

QUICK TIP

Keep a dedicated recycling bin for bathroom recyclables like paper tubes and empty bottles!



BACKYARD



COMPOSTING

Start a household compost bin or pile to recycle food scraps and other organics into nutrient-rich compost for your garden! Compost in the garden can improve soil health and boost water retention, not to mention keep food scraps and garden waste from ending up in landfill.



FAMILY QUIZ

Get your family and put your recycling smarts to the test.

Read each question together and choose the answer you think is right. Once you're done, check the answers below.

REMEMBER!



Students have learned all about waste, recycling and GO bins at school, so let them lead the way. They might surprise you with what they know!

1. Which gas is released when waste breaks down in landfill?

- ☐ Oxygen
- ☐ Methane
- ☐ Helium

2. How much energy does recycling an aluminium can save?

- ☐ 10 %
- ☐ 50 %
- ☐ 95 %

3. Which of these items belongs in the yellow lid recycling bin?

- ☐ A broken drinking glass
- ☐ Aluminium foil
- ☐ Food scraps

4. The green lid Garden Organics (GO) bin is for what?

- ☐ Fruit and vegetable food scraps
- ☐ Grass clippings, twigs and weeds
- ☐ Plastic plant pots

5. What is one of the best ways to reduce the amount of waste your family creates?

- ☐ Using reusable items and avoiding single-use plastics
- ☐ Throwing everything in the red lid bin
- ☐ Put all waste in plastic bags

Want to keep the challenge going?

Scan the QR code and play Friendly Feud, our fast and fun online game where your family can compete for points and claim ultimate GO Game Changer bragging rights.



You'll also find even more games and activities waiting for you online.

5. A) Using reusable items and avoiding single-use plastics
Reusables cut waste at the source and keep unnecessary rubbish out of landfill.

4. B) Grass clippings, twigs and weeds
The GO bin is only for garden organic waste and it's turned into compost for local parks and gardens!

3 B) Aluminium foil
Foil can be recycled if it's fairly clean and scrunched into a ball.

2 C) About 95 percent
Recycling aluminium saves around 95 % of the energy needed to make it from raw materials.

1 B) Methane
Landfill creates methane, a greenhouse gas far stronger than Carbon Dioxide. Keeping recyclables and garden organics out of landfill helps cut these emissions.

Quiz Answers:

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Small everyday choices add up to big impacts on the environment. When each person in your home does one simple thing to sort waste, choose reusables or reduce rubbish, the whole family makes a big difference.

Each time a family member completes one of the actions on the tracker, they add a point to their tally. At the end of the month, count up everyone's points. The family member with the highest total becomes that month's **Family Challenge Champion!**

**Download more
copies on the website.**



FAMILY Challenge TRACKER

MONTH:

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