

# WHAT IS A TRANSFER STATION?

Hint: it's not a tip!

No, it's not a tip! Transfer Stations are waste and resource recovery facilities that are provided to many regional communities across Victoria. They have been designed to help reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill and recycle as much as we possibly can.

In the past Council 'tips' or landfills were sites where access for waste disposal was unrestricted and little recycling was undertaken. With the greater focus on recycling materials to ensure greater resource efficiency, many councils made the decision to close smaller unlicensed landfills and replace them with transfer stations.

There are also a number of privately owned facilities in some parts of regional Victoria. These transfer stations have become a place where resources or materials are recovered for recycling before the remaining waste is disposed to landfill.



## SORT & COVER YOUR LOAD

Before your next trip to the Transfer Station, think about how you can save yourself some time and effort by sorting your load at home.



### THE RIGHT WAY TO LOAD UP

Keep the same materials together in piles on your trailer or ute. Neat piles of green waste, timber, bricks and scrap metal at the front and any left over rubbish at the rear of your load will ensure that you can move from bay to bay and recycle your load first then drop off your rubbish last. Securing your load with a net or tie down straps or ropes is essential before you head off.



### THE WRONG WAY TO LOAD UP

If you simply throw everything onto your trailer or ute jumbled together it will be hard for you to separate out your recyclable items from your general rubbish. You will be tempted to simply throw everything into the rubbish collection facility.



### SECURE YOUR LOAD

Driving to the site with an unsecured load is a serious problem and is an offense against the Road Safety Act (1986). You can be fined for littering if waste 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.



## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TRANSFER STATION

# WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

## CARDBOARD & PAPER

- ✓ Cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, brochures, catalogues, phone books, milk and juice cartons
- ✗ Waxed cardboard boxes



## STEEL

- ✓ Empty and rinsed steel cans are accepted



## GLASS

- ✓ Clean bottles and jars (green, brown and clear)
- ✗ Broken drinking glasses, window glass or crockery



## ALUMINIUM

- ✓ Cans and clean foil trays



## PLASTICS

- ✓ Clean milk bottles, soft drink bottles, cordial bottles, detergent bottles, juice bottles, ice cream, margarine, takeaway and yogurt containers
- ✗ Plastic bags or polystyrene. Don't put your recyclables in bags, and remove lids as well



Not all Transfer Stations collect all of the items listed in this fact sheet. Please contact your local Council or facility for further information on all the items accepted for recycling. Some items may also attract disposal fees.

**TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE**

E-waste - anything with a plug, cord or battery - cannot be disposed of in kerbside collections. Many Transfer Stations now have special drop off areas for e-waste. Some Transfer Stations may charge for e-waste items.

# GET IT SORTED!



## WASTE OIL

- ✓ Clean used or unwanted motor oil can be disposed of into the collection tanks



## GREEN WASTE



- ✓ This includes your lawn clippings, branches, garden prunings
- ! Please don't contaminate your green waste with plastic, metal or concrete

## TIMBER

- ✓ Posts, doors, frames.
- ✗ Arsenic-treated treated pine and painted timbers



## CONCRETE, BRICKS AND RUBBLE

- ✓ Clean concrete and bricks and rubble can be disposed of
- ✗ anything that may have asbestos is prohibited at transfer stations



- ✓ Triple rinsed, empty chemical drums (both plastic and steel) are accepted
- ! There must be no trace of chemical residue

## SCRAP METAL

- ✓ Car bodies, iron, steel, wire, whitegoods



## BATTERIES

- ✓ Car and truck batteries