



## Waste Collection Services

IN KIAMA MUNICIPALITY



**Refer to  
Recycling  
Section**

All households  
emptied weekly



**Refer to  
Food &  
Organics  
Section**

All households  
emptied weekly



**Refer to  
Garbage  
& Illegal  
Dumping  
Section**

All households  
emptied fortnightly

## BIN PLACEMENT

For efficient collection:

- Place your bins out the night before your collection day
- Place bins away from obstructions (parked cars, overhanging branches)
- Front of bin should face the road
- Leave at least 30cm space between bins and other objects
- Bins should be returned to enclosure/property the same day of service.



# Recycling bin – emptied weekly

In the past, residents were asked to look for numbers printed on the underside of plastic items. Not anymore!

To determine if the plastic item is or isn't recyclable, do the CRUSH Test!

- If you **CAN NOT** crush the plastic item into a ball, place it in your yellow lid recycling bin (rigid plastic)
- If you **CAN** crush the plastic item into a ball, place it in your red lid garbage bin (soft plastic).

**ITEMS DO NOT NEED TO BE WASHED, BUT ITEMS MUST BE EMPTY OF FOOD AND DRINK. ITEMS MUST BE LOOSE. NO PLASTIC BAGS.**



**YES**



Food and drink cartons



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminium cans, steel cans, foil trays and aerosols



Rigid plastic bottles and containers from kitchen, bathroom and laundry



Cardboard



Paper (unshredded), magazines and newspapers

**NO**



**NO** plastic bags or soft plastics (bread bags, frozen food bags, chip and biscuit wrappers, cling wrap etc.)



**NO** clothing or footwear



**NO** batteries



**NO** polystyrene



**NO** paint tins, hazardous materials or medical waste



**NO** ceramics, china, cutlery, Pyrex or glassware



**NO** garden items ie. plastic plant pots



**NO** broken household items ie. coat hangers, toys, appliances



**NO** food or garden waste

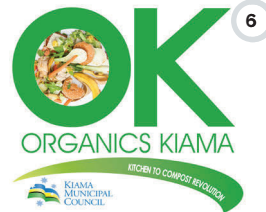


**NO** timber, soil, ash or building materials



**NO** takeaway coffee cups, plastic cutlery or plastic straws

## Food & garden organics bin – emptied weekly



✓ YES

**Bulk garden waste can be taken to the Minnamurra Waste and Recycling Facility – charges apply.**



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Soiled paper towels, tissues, shredded paper



Grass, leaves, prunings, branches (<1m long and 15cm thick)



Meat and fish products



Pasta, bread, cereal, cake



Hair, vacuum bags and contents



Dairy products and egg shells



Coffee grounds/filters and tea bags



Plate scrapings



Compostable bags that meet the **AS4736** requirements.



# NO



**NO** garbage



**NO** plastic bags or soft plastics (bread bags, frozen food bags, chip and biscuit wrappers, cling wrap etc.)



**NO** nappies



**NO** rocks, bricks, concrete, treated or painted timber



**NO** plant pots



**NO** garden equipment

## **Biodegradable bags are NOT ACCEPTED.**

Biodegradable plastic is still plastic. It just means that it is a substance that will break down over time given the right conditions (which vary depending on the substance).

Unfortunately, this term is often misused, so is not an indication that it is suitable for composting. **ONLY** compostable liners, which meet the Australian Standard AS4736 can be used to line the kitchen caddy.

Compostable liners can be purchased from the following retailers:

### **Compost-a-pak 8L caddy liners**

- IGA – Kiama Downs, Jamberoo and Gerringong
- Heart & Sol Organics, Kiama
- House2Home, Kiama
- Manning's General Store, Kiama
- Gerringong Post Office

### **Maze 7L caddy liners**

- Shellharbour Bunnings



# Garbage bin – emptied fortnightly\*

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✓ YES

80 litre, 140 litre and 240 litre sized bins available. Annual charges apply. Please contact Council for details.



Household rubbish that can't be recycled or composted



Ceramics, crockery and glassware (wrapped)



Plastic bags and soft plastics (bread bags, frozen food bags, chip and biscuit wrappers, cling wrap etc.)



Nappies (wrapped)



All polystyrene excluding No.6 (No. 6 is accepted at the CRC)



NO



**NO** asbestos, hazardous materials or liquids



**NO** food or green waste



**NO** soil, ash or building materials

\* Upon approval, weekly collection is available for waste associated with ongoing medical conditions and Short Term Rental Accommodation properties. Please contact Council for details.

# Illegal Dumping



Illegal dumping is the unlawful deposit of waste, whether solid or liquid, onto land. It includes waste material that is discharged, dumped, tipped or otherwise deposited onto private or public land where no approval exists to accept such waste.

Illegal dumping varies from small bags of rubbish in an urban environment to large scale illegal landfills.

Did you know? It is illegal to place household or commercial waste into any public place bin. Fines of at least \$250 may apply.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Call the Illegal Dumping Hotline 131 555

We have a comprehensive enforcement and education program regarding illegal dumping.

However, we still need your help. If you see anyone dumping rubbish in the Kiama Municipality area, please make a note of:

- the time, date, and location of the event
- a description of any vehicles involved, including the number plate details
- any further information that may help to identify the offender.



# Community Recycling Centre (CRC)

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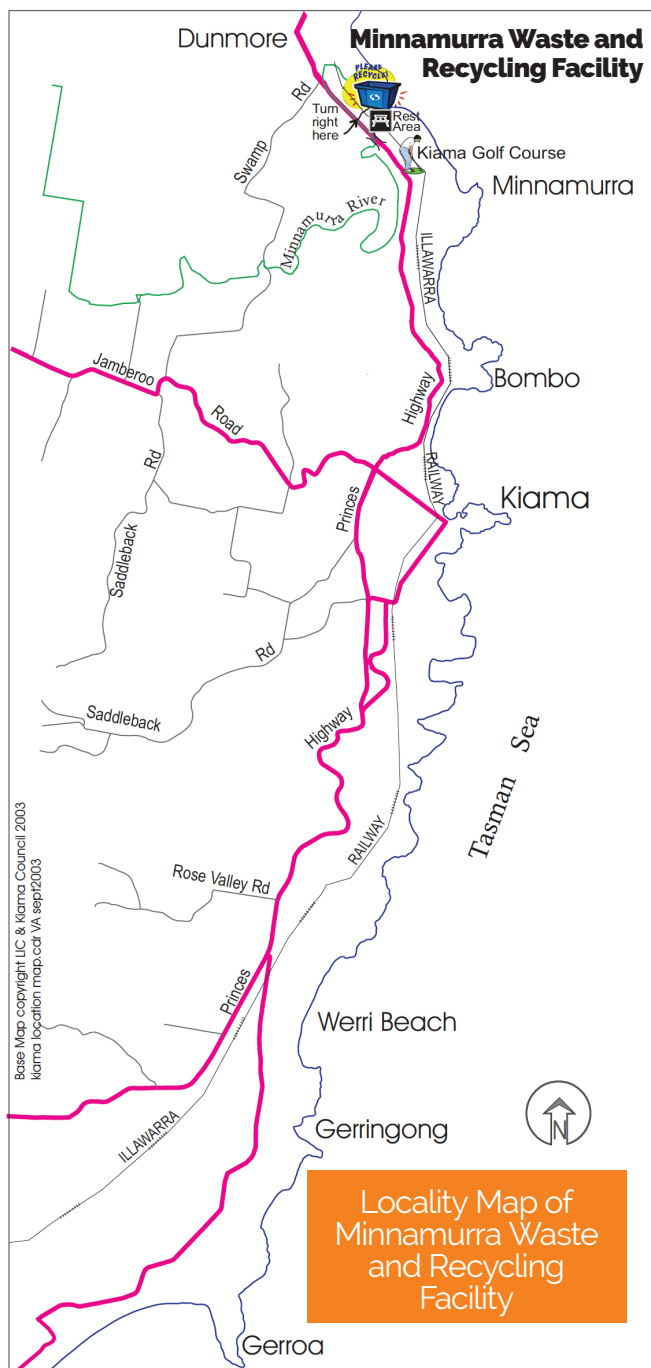
## Residents are able to dispose of the following waste items for FREE:

- Paint (oil and water based)
- Gas bottles and fire extinguishers
- Fluoro globes and tubes
- Computers and televisions (and peripherals including cables, keyboards, etc)
- Household and car batteries
- Polystyrene marked No. 6 only
- Cardboard
- Motor and other oils (including cooking oil)
- Smoke detectors
- Mobile phones
- X-ray films (film only accepted. Please dispose of paper reports and envelopes separately.)
- Clothing / textiles (to be donated to local charities)
- Steel (any item that contains more than 75% metal)
- Drums - DrumMuster branded ONLY  
– accepted 1st Monday of the month only



Only household quantities of the above materials will be accepted. As a guide a maximum container of 20 litres or 20 kilograms for each of the wastes listed above.





### **The Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is located at:**

Minnamurra Waste and Recycling Facility  
446 Riverside Drive, Minnamurra

### **Hours of operation:**

8am-4pm Monday to Saturday

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day,  
New Years Day and Good Friday.

## User Pays On-Call Kerbside Clean Up

Kiama Council now offers a 'user pays on-call clean up' service.

The service fee is \$85 and allows up to 100kg or 1m<sup>3</sup> (1m wide x 1m high x 1m deep) of household items to be collected from your property. If you have more than 1m<sup>3</sup>, you must book additional clean ups to cover the amount that you are presenting.

To book a service, please call Council's Waste Services (02) 4237 5148.

- You must book and pay for your service before placing your items out for collection
- you will be advised of your collection day when you book
- place items out by 6.00am on your advised collection day, but no more than 24 hours before
- small items must be placed in unwanted boxes or bags
- place items out the front of your own property at your normal collection point for your bins
- place all items neatly, off the road and footpaths
- do not place items out that are ineligible for collection. They will NOT be collected.
- items must be able to be picked up safely by one person
- do not place items out after the collection has taken place. We will not return.

✓  
YES



Small indoor and outdoor furniture



Toys and sporting goods



Whitegoods (fridges, freezers, stoves - must be dismantled)



Scrap metal



Small rugs and carpet scraps (must be less than 1m length)

NO



**NO** glass or mirrors (sheet, pane, glass top tables etc)



**NO** asbestos, hazardous materials or chemicals.



**NO** household garbage, food scraps or garden waste



**NO** paints\* or oils\*



**NO** batteries\*, gas bottles\*, extinguishers\*, smoke detectors\*, fluoro globes\*



**NO** building materials, demolition/renovation (bricks, concrete, tiles, sinks etc)



**NO** tyres



**NO** mattresses or bean bags



**NO** e-waste\* (televisions, computers, printers etc.)

\*Dispose of these waste items FREE. See page 10 for details.

# Household Bulky Waste (held annually in March & September)

The Household Bulky Waste Drop Off Event is held annually in March and September. This event enables residents to drop off large bulky materials to be reused, recycled or disposed of. The drop off is held at the Minnamurra Waste and Recycling Facility. Refer to your calendar for specific dates.

## Important event details:

- To participate, in this free event, you must live in the urban waste zone and pay the Domestic Waste Management Charge or live in the rural waste zone and pay the Rural Waste Management Charge
- Bookings are essential** and are made online at [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au) – bookings open one month prior
- Total quantity equal to a standard box trailer or ute (maximum of 2m<sup>3</sup>).
- E-waste and mattresses will be accepted in addition to the quantity limit
- Limited to one drop off per household per event
- Proof of residency is required at the checkpoint ie. drivers license, rates notice or utility bill

## ✓ YES



Timber and plastic pallets



Indoor and outdoor household furniture



Gas bottles, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors



E-waste (eg. TVs, computers, electrical appliances)



Mattresses (limit 2 per household)



Engines, car parts, motor oil



Toys, sporting goods and baby goods



White goods (fridges, microwaves etc.)



Garden pots and equipment



Cardboard and paper products



Empty plastic and metal drums



Blinds, carpets, clothing, blankets, towels, linen, crockery



Polystyrene packaging



Batteries (car, alkaline)



Light globes



Water and oil based paints

## ✗ NO



**No** building and demolition wastes including asbestos



**No** clean up wastes from commercial premises (shops or offices)



**No** household garbage or food scraps



**No** garden waste (unless fees are paid)



**No** pane/sheet glass or broken mirrors



**No** toxic chemicals or hazardous waste



**No** tyres



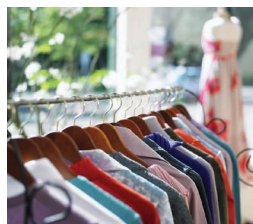
## Second hand items

For any pre-loved items you no longer want, consider choosing one of the following options:



### SECOND HAND SATURDAY

Council's giant community garage sale where residents can sell, swap or trade their unwanted pre-loved goods. Two events are held each year at School Flat, Black Beach, Kiama. Refer to the waste calendar for dates. A gold coin donation is payable on the day and to register a site, you must be a resident of the Municipality. Bookings open one month prior to scheduled date. To book a site, go to **[www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)**



### CHARITY STORE

Goods may be donated to your local charity store.

It's a good idea to call and check whether they can take your items before you deliver them. Find your local charity store in the Yellow Pages or online at **[www.yellowpages.com.au](http://www.yellowpages.com.au)**



### LIFELINE BIG BOOK FAIR

Pre-loved books can be donated year round at Southern.IML Pathology, 83 Manning Street, Kiama or the Lifeline Warehouse, 19 Auburn Street, Wollongong. Held twice a year, these book fairs raise funds to support a national 24-hour telephone crisis support service.



### FACEBOOK – BUY SWAP AND SELL

These are free local Facebook groups where you can list your pre-loved item to sell or giveaway. To find out more on how you can become a member of any of the groups set up for residents within our local area, look up Buy Swap and Sell on Facebook.



### GUMTREE OR EBAY

These online marketplace websites allow you to post your unwanted items up for sale for free or for a small price. Go to **[www.gumtree.com.au](http://www.gumtree.com.au)** or **[www.ebay.com.au](http://www.ebay.com.au)** for more information.

A grassroots and not for profit movement of people who are giving (and receiving) items for free in their own towns and keeping those items out of landfills. Membership is free and everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages. Visit **[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)**



Managed by local charity, Resource Recovery Australia, this centre aims to maximise the recovery and sale of recyclable materials and saleable goods. You can drop off your unwanted saleable secondhand items and find a vast assortment of second-hand items for purchase, with new and different goods arriving regularly. Dunmore Resource Recovery Centre is located at 44 Buckleys Road, Dunmore. **Phone (02) 4221 6200.**



Donate your old reading glasses at EyeQ Optometrist Kiama or check with local OPSM and Specsaver stores for sending to developing nations.

# Waste Minimisation

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Waste minimisation is about avoiding the waste before it is produced. Prevention is the primary goal, followed by reuse, recycling, treatment and appropriate disposal. The benefits of minimising waste include:

- Reducing demand for landfill space
- Saving resources and energy
- Reducing pollution
- Increasing the efficiency of production.



## WAYS IN WHICH YOU COULD MINIMISE YOUR WASTE:



Consider alternatives to disposables. Swap paper towel for reusable cloths/rags. Swap sandwich bags for reusable lunch boxes/containers.



Use modern cloth nappies for your little ones instead of disposable nappies. They contain no harmful chemicals or plastics and keep odours out of your garbage bin.



Did you know that takeaway coffee cups are not recyclable? Take your own cup when getting a takeaway coffee.

Single use plastic is detrimental to our environment. Plastic straws, plastic cutlery and plastic bags are polluting our oceans. Refuse these items and instead bring your own.



Council offers free Home Composting Workshops for residents. Learn the basics of setting up and maintaining a worm farm, compost bin or Bokashi system. Check dates on the waste collection calendar or Council website [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)





Consider swapping to "green cleaning" techniques. There's usually an organic alternative for any chemical cleaning product. You may already have the ingredients for a 'green' household cleaner in your cupboard i.e. baking soda, lemon juice, white vinegar, etc. Find a range of recipes online.



Shop at your local second hand store for clothing and homewares.



Love Food Hate Waste – an initiative of the NSW Government aims to raise awareness about the environmental, economic and social impacts of food waste. Check out their website for handy tips on reducing your household food waste and diverting from landfill.

**[www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au)**



Install a rainwater tank to help you to reduce your water consumption.



The NSW Government has set up the Return and Earn program to reduce drink container litter. To find out what can be returned for a refund and the drop off locations, visit **[www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au)**



For soft plastics such as bread bags, frozen food bags, chip and biscuit wrappers, cling wrap etc. consider disposing of these in the specially marked bins at your local Woolworths and Coles stores. Visit **[www.redcycle.net.au](http://www.redcycle.net.au)** to find out more.



Confused about what types of packaging can be recycled? Look for the symbols on your product packaging to help you correctly recycle those items. Visit **[www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/ar1](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/ar1)** for more information.

# A-Z guide to waste disposal

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- G** Red lid garbage bin
- FOGO** Green lid food/garden organics bin
- HCC** Household Chemical CleanOut  
www.cleanout.com.au
- SC** Disposal at Shellharbour  
Resource Recovery Centre
- RE** NSW EPA "Return and Earn"

- R** Yellow lid recycling bin
- KCU** Kerbside Clean Up
- O** Charity/op shop
- CRC** Community Recycling Centre
- REDC** Visit [www.redcycle.net.au](http://www.redcycle.net.au) for drop off points
- HBW** Household Bulky Waste Drop Off

<b>A</b>	
Aerosol cans	<b>R</b>
Alkaline batteries	<b>CRC</b>
Aluminium cans	<b>R</b> <b>RE</b>
Aluminium foil	<b>R</b>
Animal droppings	<b>FOGO</b>
<b>B</b>	
Bag ties	<b>G</b>
Band aids	<b>G</b>
Baskets	<b>O</b> <b>HBW</b> <b>KCU</b>
Bicycles	<b>HBW</b> <b>SC</b> <b>KCU</b>
Biscuit trays (plastic)	<b>R</b>
Branches	<b>FOGO</b>
Bricks or rubble	<b>SC</b>
Building materials	<b>SC</b>
<b>C</b>	
Cans (steel)	<b>R</b>
Car batteries	<b>CRC</b>
Cardboard	<b>CRC</b> <b>R</b>
Carpet/carpet underlay	<b>HBW</b>
Cartridges (printer/toner)	<b>CRC</b>
Cassettes, DVDs, CDs and cases	<b>O</b> <b>G</b> <b>HBW</b>

<b>F</b>	
Fire extinguishers	<b>CRC</b>
Fluorescent tubes	<b>CRC</b>
Furniture (large)	<b>HBW</b> <b>O</b>
Furniture (small)	<b>KCU</b> <b>O</b>
<b>G</b>	
Garden Organics	<b>FOGO</b>
Gas bottles & cylinders	<b>CRC</b>
Glass bottles	<b>R</b> <b>RE</b>
Glass jars	<b>R</b>
Glass (broken)	<b>G</b>
Grass clippings	<b>FOGO</b>
<b>H</b>	
Hair	<b>FOGO</b>
<b>I</b>	
Ink cartridges	<b>CRC</b>
<b>J</b>	
Juice containers (plastic & tetra)	<b>R</b>
Junk mail	<b>R</b>
<b>K</b>	
Kitty litter (clay, sand or crystalline based)	<b>G</b>
Kitty litter (paper, plant or sawdust based)	<b>FOGO</b>

<b>P</b>	
Paint & paint tins	<b>CRC</b>
Paper towel	<b>FOGO</b>
Pizza boxes	<b>FOGO</b> <b>R</b>
Plant pots – plastic	<b>G</b>
Plant pots – terracotta	<b>O</b> <b>G</b> <b>HBW</b>
Plastic bags	<b>G</b> <b>REDC</b>
Plastic bottles	<b>R</b> <b>RE</b>
Plastic containers – rigid	<b>R</b>
Plastic wrappers	<b>G</b> <b>REDC</b>
<b>R</b>	
Razors	<b>G</b>
Ribbon, rope, string	<b>G</b>
<b>S</b>	
Scrap metal	<b>CRC</b>
Sporting goods	<b>HBW</b> <b>KCU</b>
<b>T</b>	
Takeaway coffee cups	<b>G</b>
Tea bags	<b>FOGO</b>
Telephone books	<b>R</b>
Televisions	<b>CRC</b>
Tissues	<b>FOGO</b>

Cellophane	<b>G</b>	<b>M</b>		Toothbrushes	<b>G</b>
Ceramics, crockery	<b>G</b>	Magazines	<b>R</b>	Toothpaste tubes	<b>G</b>
Chemicals	<b>HCC</b>	Margarine tubs	<b>R</b>	<b>V</b>	
Chip packets	<b>G</b> <b>REDC</b>	Mattresses *two per household	<b>HBW</b>	Vacuum cleaner dust	<b>FOGO</b>
Cling wrap	<b>G</b> <b>REDC</b>	Meat scraps	<b>FOGO</b>	Vinyl	<b>HBW</b>
Clothing & textiles	<b>O</b> <b>CRC</b>	Meat trays (foam)	<b>G</b>	<b>W</b>	
Coffee grounds	<b>FOGO</b>	Meat trays (plastic)	<b>R</b>	Whitegoods	<b>CRC</b>
Computers & peripherals	<b>CRC</b>	Medical waste	<b>G</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Cooking Oil	<b>CRC</b>	Metals	<b>CRC</b>	Yoghurt containers	<b>R</b>
<b>D</b>		Microwave oven	<b>CRC</b>	<b>Z</b>	
Disposable nappies	<b>G</b>	Milk bottles	<b>R</b>	Zip lock bags	<b>G</b> <b>REDC</b>
Drums (DrumMuster branded ONLY) Accepted on 1st Monday of each month	<b>CRC</b>	Mirrors – broken	<b>G</b>		
<b>E</b>		Mobile phones	<b>CRC</b>		
Electrical appliances (if 75% metal)	<b>CRC</b>	Motor oil	<b>CRC</b>		

To find out where to dispose of other items,  
go to the A-Z of Waste on the Council website  
**[www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)**



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Opening Hours:

8.45am – 4.15pm Monday to Friday

**Minnamurra Waste and Recycling Facility**

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