

# Be a GREAT Sort!

**G** is for **Gifting** to charity, swapping or selling.



**GREAT Sorts** GIFT unwanted, reusable things such as clothes and toys in good condition to charity. They can also be swapped with friends or sold at markets.

Almost everything has a better place to go than the bin.

Join the **GREAT Sorts** in your community who do better than the bin.



Good quality items can have a new life and be enjoyed by someone else.

## Start **GIFTING** by taking these simple steps:

- ✓ Only gift the good stuff to charity. They can't fix broken things or wash clothes.
- ✓ Ask yourself if you'd give it to a friend. If it's good enough for a mate, it's good to donate.

## We love **GREAT** gifters who give thoughtfully.



- ✓ Buy pre-loved items, reduce waste and pick up a quality bargain. Money saved can help households, and money raised can help charities in the community.
- ✓ Find your local community online 24/7 – swap, sell or share your good quality, unwanted items on social media or online marketplaces and connect with like-minded people.
- ✓ Check out local garage sales, swap meets, clothing swaps.



Find out more at  
[wastesorted.wa.gov.au/gift](https://wastesorted.wa.gov.au/gift)

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**R** is for **Recycling** only these five things.



**GREAT Sorts** know that **RECYCLING** is simple.

It's about putting all these five items into your home recycling bin; paper, cardboard, cans, plastic (bottles and containers) and glass (bottles and jars).

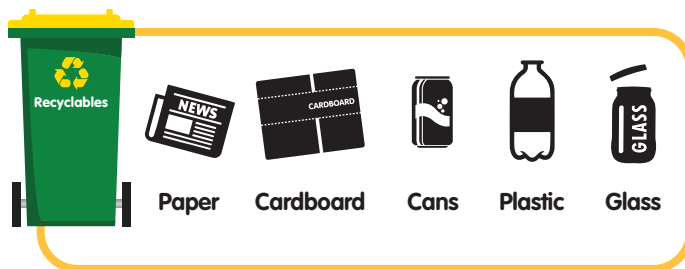
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Recycling facilities in WA use advanced technology, such as magnets, blowers, tumblers and grids to separate recyclables.

By taking a few simple steps, we can make a great start in the **RECYCLING** process:

- ✓ Recycling 'just the five' helps create a clean waste stream that can be sorted, sold and turned into valuable products.



- ✓ Sort recyclables in the kitchen by having a recycling tub or box next to the kitchen bin. This makes it easy to separate, rinse and recycle.
- ✓ When recycling, take lids off, give items a quick rinse and pop them loose into the recycling – not in bags.
- ✓ Flatten cardboard boxes to save space in your bin and prevents blockages.
- ✓ Take your eligible beverage containers to a Containers for Change drop-off location and receive 10¢ refund, or donate to a charity of your choice.
- ✓ If in doubt about recycling, check out more detailed information on the Recycle Right app or website.



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# Be a GREAT Sort!

**E** is for **Earth-cycling** food scraps and garden waste.



One of the best ways **GREAT Sorts** can reduce landfill is to EARTH-CYCLE food scraps and garden waste into compost.

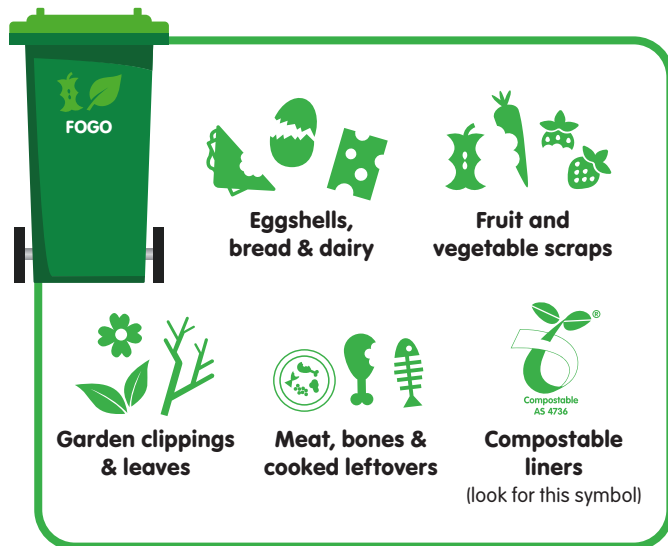
Pop food and garden organics in your FOGO bin or start up a compost bin or worm farm.

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Turn your food scraps and garden organics into a resource by **EARTH-CYCLING** your way:

- ✓ Kerbside bins – food organics and garden organics (FOGO) or garden organics (GO) are one way local governments help residents get their waste sorted.
- ✓ A GO bin is only for garden organics like grass clippings, flowers, weeds, branches and leaves.
- ✓ A FOGO bin takes all of your garden organics, plus food organics, like food scraps, fruit, vegetables, bread, meat, bones and leftovers.



- ✓ There are many ways to earth-cycle at home, such as composting, worm farming or even bokashi.
- ✓ When you earth-cycle, it is essential to keep all plastic, aluminium, glass and anything labelled 'biodegradable' out.



Find out more at  
[wastesorted.wa.gov.au/earth-cycle](https://wastesorted.wa.gov.au/earth-cycle)

# Be a GREAT Sort!

**A** is for **Avoiding** single-use items and excess packaging.



A lot of **GREAT Sorts** are already making the swap from disposable and single-use items to better, reusable alternatives.

Remember your reusable cup, containers, water bottle and bags when you're out and about.

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Many Western Australians make less waste by **AVOIDING** it in the first place:

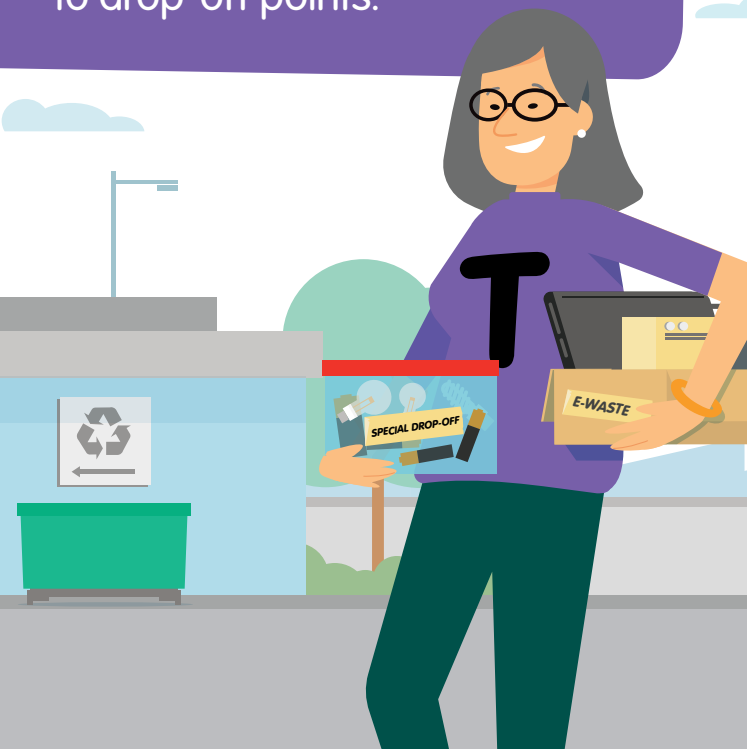
- ✓ Before you leave the house, remember your reusables so you can choose to refuse single-use.
- ✓ GREAT Sorts use things like:
  - Reusable cutlery, such as a spork (a handy little knife, fork and spoon all in one).
  - Reusable containers for the butcher, bakery and takeaway shops.
- ✓ Avoiding food waste starts at home with a quick check through the fridge, freezer and pantry before shopping so you only buy what you need.
- ✓ GREAT Sorts avoid waste by repairing instead of throwing away or upcycling old furniture with a coat of paint.
- ✓ Buy pre-loved and take stock of what you've got. Borrowing, renting or sharing one-off items such as tools, party decorations or books are great ways to avoid buying new.



Find out more at [wastesorted.wa.gov.au/avoid](https://wastesorted.wa.gov.au/avoid)

# Be a GREAT Sort!

T is for **Taking** specialist waste to drop-off points.



Some things never go in your kerbside bins.

That's why **GREAT Sorts** do the right thing and TAKE specialist waste such as batteries, e-waste, chemicals and paint to designated drop-off points.

TAKING your specialist waste to drop-off points at your local shops, council, and more:



Batteries



E-waste



Chemicals



Paint

- ✓ Never put hazardous items in kerbside bins as they can cause fires, damaging facilities and putting lives at risk.
- ✓ GREAT Sorts find it easy to use crates or boxes at home to store specialist waste items. Save them up, and when you are ready, drop them off!
- ✓ Drop your items off when you're out and about running errands at the supermarket, hardware store or visiting the gym.
- ✓ Schedule a day every few months to take your flammable, toxic, explosive or corrosive items to your local household hazardous waste (HHW) facility.
- ✓ Batteries, paint, household chemicals, aerosol cans, gas cylinders and more are accepted for responsible disposal, free of charge.

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