

Recycling

Bega Valley Shire residents are a great bunch of recyclers. Recycling helps our environment and saves us money by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preserving natural resources and reducing waste to landfill.



Hi I'm Murphy, I work at a Materials Recovery Facility MRF (say "Murf" for short). All the recycling you put out on the kerbside goes to the MRF to be sorted by MRF operators like me.

Lets find out what happens to recycling in the Bega Valley Shire!

At home

Residents carefully sort their recycling from their general waste, and place the recyclables in their yellow-lidded recycling bin.

To help reduce the amount of glass that gets broken, the glass bottles and jars are cushioned by the plastic containers and paper and cardboard. The collection vehicle also has compaction limits to ensure the material isn't squashed too much.



Collection

Your recycling bin is emptied by Council's Collection Contractor every fortnight, and taken to a bulking station in Bega.

Bulking station

Once there is enough recycling at the bulking station to fill a load, the recycling is carted to a Materials Recovery Facility MRF in Nowra. After 1 October 2005 Bega Valley Shires recycling will go to a MRF that is located in Moruya (Eurobodalla Shire).



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Materials Recovery Facility - MRF



Once the recycling arrives at the MRF, the main sorting process begins. The recycling is unloaded and inspected for contamination. If there is too much contamination, the recycling may be sent to landfill.

Once the contamination has been removed the recycling is pushed onto a conveyor belt.

To make sure all the items you put out for collection get recycled, remember the following:

- No cooking or motor oil
- No general waste /medical waste / nappies
- Rinse containers
- No plastic bags and please don't put your recycling in plastic bags
- Remove lids, corks, caps and tops

Sorting

The recycling travels along a series of sorting lines, strong magnets pull out the steel tins and cans, fans separate the paper, and the different types of plastics and coloured glass bottles and jars are all sorted by MRF Operators.



New products from your recycling



Once all the recycling has been sorted into different items, the different types of plastic containers and paper are compacted into bales, and all the materials are sold by the MRF to companies that use the items to make new



products for you to buy at the shops.

For more information about recycling in the Bega Valley Shire check out Council's website

www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au or call the Waste Hotline 1300 369 842.

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