

FACT SHEET

Waste Transfer in the Cradle Coast



Do you know what a Waste Transfer Station is and why it is important?

A Waste Transfer Station is not a tip! It's a place where waste and recyclables from many different sources are brought together for transporting to recycling centres, waste processors or to landfill. Some Waste Transfer Stations also process waste on site and have shop facilities where people can convert trash into treasure.

Waste Transfer Stations are an efficient way to safely manage lots of different types of waste from lots of different sources. If this waste was allowed to mix together – as was generally done in the past – the materials that could have been reused instead become 'contaminated' and would end up taking valuable space in our region's landfills.

Doing your bit to sort waste and recyclables before placing them in the correct areas at the Waste Transfer Station helps to save time and costs further along the waste management cycle.

There are 12 transfer stations in the region that together dispose of approximately 91,000 tonnes of waste per year. Transfer stations exist in Burnie, Castra, Preston, South Riana, Ulverstone, White Hills, Spreyton, Sheffield, Wilmot, Port Sorell, Wynyard and Waratah.

What does a Waste Transfer Station do?

Waste Transfer Stations act like a filter to ensure that the many different types of waste end up in the right places. They improve the ability to reuse or recycle as much waste as possible – examples are by converting green waste into compost or diverting recyclable glass out of landfill – all of which have economic as well as environmental benefits.

Waste Transfer Stations are generally busy places, with waste continuously being dropped off, bundled and transported on for processing. By regularly removing waste from the transfer stations, the risk of fire and odour is also reduced.

A Waste Transfer Station is an important step in delivering good waste management services in the Cradle Coast region.

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How are Waste Transfer Stations funded?

We pay for our waste services, including the operation and maintenance of Waste Transfer Stations, through our Council rates and gate fees at transfer stations, materials recovery facilities and landfills.

Different fees apply depending on the type and amount of waste being dropped off at a transfer station. These differences are attributed to what happens to the waste next – some types require minimal handling and have readily available buyers willing to take the materials, other types require more processing, environmental protection or transport over greater distances which adds to their management costs.

You can learn more about how waste management fees are determined from other fact sheets in this Rethink Waste series.

To find what Waste Transfer Stations exist in your Local Council area, what materials they accept, and what additional services they provide, visit www.rethinkwaste.com.au and select your Council from the drop-down list.