

Welcome to your new look calendar

Within these pages, you'll find information about Council services and sustainability programs and events that can help you make 2025 your greenest year yet.

Sustainability is about making good choices for you and the environment. These include saving energy, reducing waste, and using what we already have responsibly.

Council offers a range of services to help our community become more sustainable so everyone can enjoy a bright green future.



Greater Dandenong City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.

23 February

Sustainability Festival

The annual Sustainability Festival at Dandenong Market is a celebration of all the ways we can get involved to protect our planet.

Stalls and activities offer ideas and information about simple changes people can make in their everyday lives that collectively make a big difference for our environment.

Attendees have the opportunity to create environmentally sustainable craft pieces, participate in sustainable activities and take home products and tips that contribute to a bright green future.



Refuse

Say no to things you don't need, especially single-use items like plastic bags or straws.

Recycle

Sort your waste so that materials like paper, plastic, glass and metal can be processed and made into new products.



Reduce

Use less of everything. Buy only what you need and choose products with less packaging.



The 5 Rs

These simple steps will help you reduce waste and protect the environment





Repair

Fix things when they break instead of replacing them. Repairing extends the life of your belongings.



Reuse

Find new ways to use items instead of throwing them away. For example, reuse a jar for storage or repurpose old clothes into cleaning rags.



By following the 5 Rs, we can all contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable world.

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4-8 March

11-15 March



Recycle

An easy way to give your unwanted goods a second life

Did you know once a year you can use your recycle bin to get rid of unwanted items from around the house?

Between 4–8 and 11–15 March, put your unwanted goods like clothing, shoes and accessories, toys, games, cookware, DVDs, sporting goods, and small electrical items into your recycling bin the day after your recycling is collected.

Good quality items will be rehomed and reused, everything else will be recycled to make new products.

4-8 and 11-15 March.



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It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4



Group your items into different types - clothing, sporting goods, electrical items, etc.



Place each group of items into a different bag.



Place the bags in your recycling bin on the day after it has been emptied.



Put your bin out on the nature strip for collection.



Fun Fact

There are more than 500 kilowatts of solar panels on Council building rooftops.

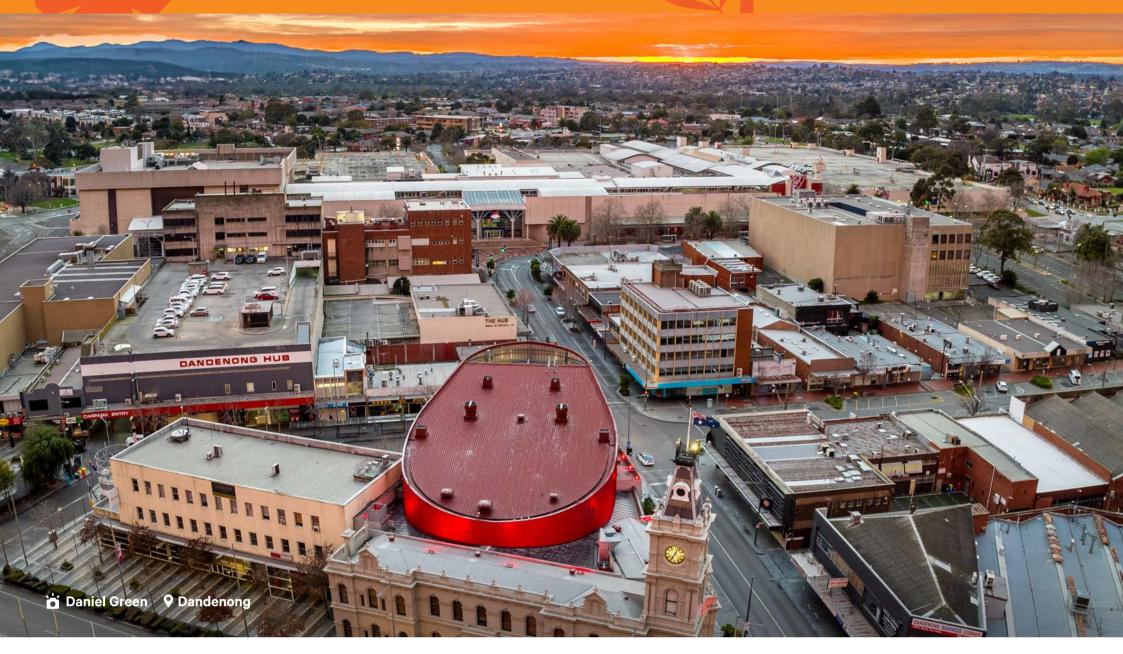


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February

Fun Fact

It takes just six weeks for aluminium cans to be recycled and returned to the shelves for use.



Weekly bin collection	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Area 1							
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March

Fun Fact

Greater Dandenong is one of nine Councils taking part in an advanced waste processing project. At least 95% of non-recyclable household waste will be diverted from landfill



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Area 1							
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Discover Dandenong Creek Festiva

Discover Dandenong Creek Festival is held in Tirhatuan Park and attracts attendees of all ages and abilities.

You can take part in wildlife demonstrations, craft and science activities and learn how you can help protect the Dandenong Creek and surrounding areas.



Container **Deposit Scheme**

Have you heard of the Container Deposit Scheme?

You can get 10 cents back for drink containers that you recycle.

Drop off cans and bottles made from aluminium, glass, plastic and even small juice boxes made from liquid paperboard, at one of many convenient locations.

Leave the lids on, but do not crush your containers or remove the labels as these are needed to register your refund.





Collect drink containers that are accepted





Find your refund point



Earn or donate your refund



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What is e-waste and why doesn't it belong in your bins?

E-waste includes household appliances, computers, electronic equipment and toys with batteries. This waste can't be put in your kerbside bins as it may contain toxic chemicals. It requires specialist recycling.

Batteries must not be put in kerbside bins as they can cause fires that endanger the people that collect your waste and the environment.

You can easily recycle batteries at drop off locations around Greater Dandenong, including most supermarkets.



Use the Recycle Mate tool on our website or download the app to find out where to take your e-waste. www.recyclemate.com.au



Re-use and Recycle



Reuse and Recycle Drop Off Days are a free service that allows you to drop off unwanted or broken household and electronic items.

This includes larger household items such as mattresses and whitegoods.

Drop Off Days are held four times during the year at Greaves Reserve, Dandenong.

Good quality items will be donated to charitable organisation so they can be rehomed and reused. Other items will be recycled.

Load up your car and come along.

22 February

24 May

23 August

15 November

() Reuse

Recycle

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Items accepted for REUSE





Furniture

Chairs, tables, couches, desks





Bicycles

Toys, cookware, sporting items, baby equipment



Clothes and linen

Clothing, shoes, fashion accessories. towels, sheets





TVs and computers



Electrical appliances



Printers, rice cookers, anything with a cord, plug or battery





Fridges, washing machines, dryers, microwaves



Mattresses Maximum of two



April

Fun Fact

You'll only hear frogs calling during breeding time. During the non-breeding season they are quiet and live away from the water.



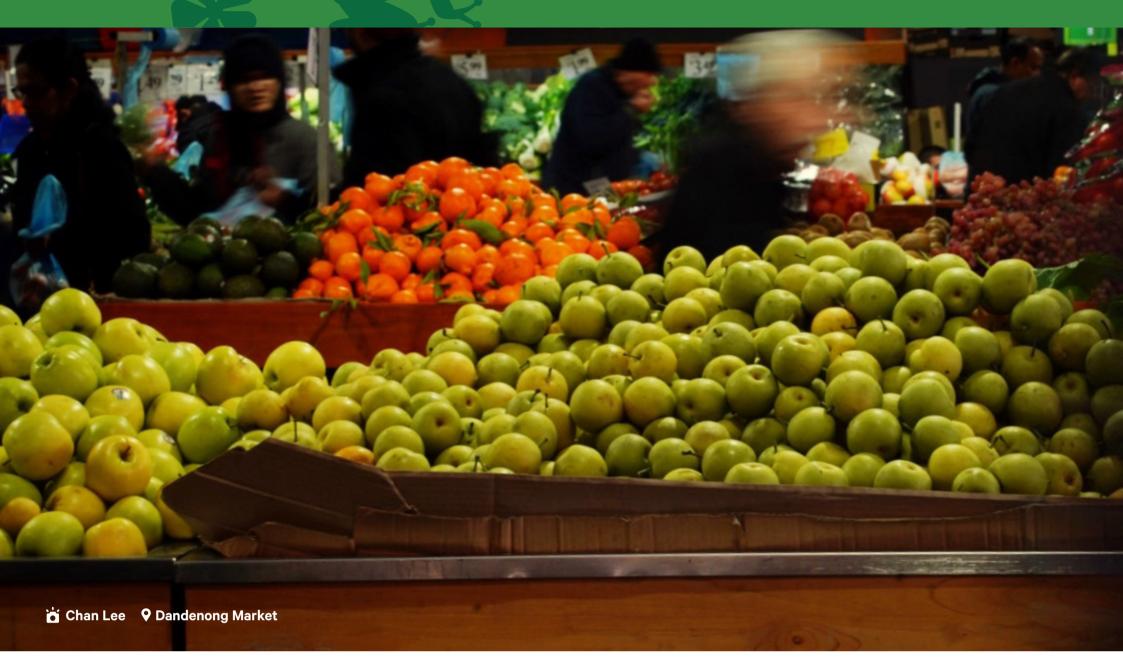
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May



Fun Fact

Dandenong Market has been operating since 1866 and is one of Melbourne's oldest markets.

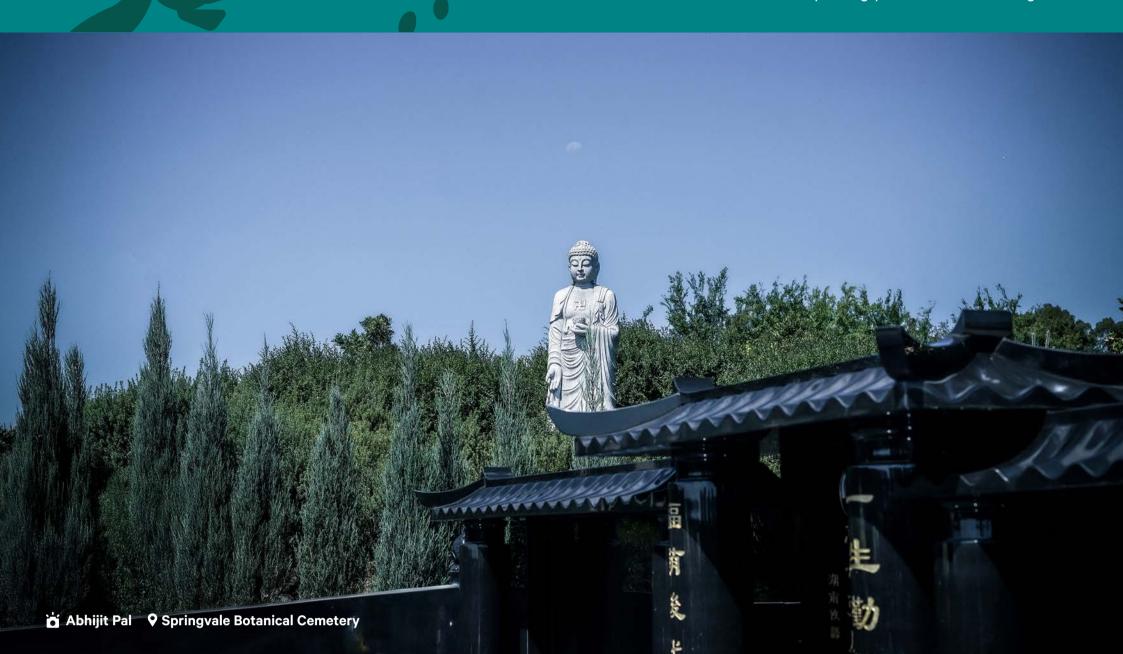


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June

Fun Fact

Approximately 35% of household water use is for the garden. You can help save water by improving your soil and mulching.



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Refuse Reuse

Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July is an annual worldwide event that celebrates a world free of plastic waste.

Our everyday choices can reduce our plastic footprint and inspire others to do the same.

Take the Plastic Free July Challenge to ditch single use plastics and switch to sustainable alternatives.

A plastic-free lifestyle is easier than you think. It starts with simple choices:



Use a reuseable coffee cup instead of a take-away cup.



Use a refillable water bottle and refill it from the tap.



Use brown paper bags for all produce at the supermarket instead of plastic bags.



Switch from plastic wrap to reusable containers or beeswax wraps.



Purchase a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic one.

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Keep it Clean

Hard Rubbish Collection

No one wants to live around piles of rubbish. Dumped rubbish ruins the look of our streets and open spaces. It's harmful to the environment and if you're caught dumping rubbish you will be fined.

Getting your rubbish collected is free and easy. Book your free annual hard rubbish collection to take away your broken and unwanted larger household items, including:



Furniture



Electronic



Timber (no longer than 1.5 metres and no more than 10 pieces)



Mattresses and bed based (maximum of two bases)



Carpet (rolled and tied, no longer than 1.5 metres)



Scrap metal including small car parts and empty paint tins



Whitegoods such as washing machines, ovens, fridges and hot water systems



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Biodiversity Month

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things on earth. It includes all forms of life, the number and variety of plants, animals, fungi and microorganisms as well as their habitats and ecosystems.

Biodiversity creates balance, and this ensures environments can adapt and thrive despite growing pressures like climate change.

During the month of September we invite our community to join our annual Biodiversity Blitz.



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Participating is easy, all you need is a phone or camera and the iNaturalist app. You'll be contributing to community science and showing the world the amazing biodiversity Greater Dandenong has to offer.

Alex Wilkie Spring Thing

7 September

Come and celebrate the beginning of spring at Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve.

Hear from Traditional Owners about the importance of respect and connection to the land, join our bushland crew to plant some seedlings and learn about local plants and wildlife, or explore the past and present in our Visitor's Centre.

Have fun with nature play and craft activities in the Sense Trail or take a tour of the reserve with one of our rangers.



Recycle

Recycling and Resource **Recovery Centres**

You may have some items that you can't put in your kerbside bins or that we can't collect with your hard rubbish collection.

Many of these items can be recycled in other ways. Greater Dandenong does not have a Council owned recycling and resource recovery centre. There are centres near Greater Dandenong that you can use.

Find out what to do with these items:



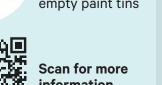
Use the Recycle Mate tool on our website. Scan for more information



Check with your nearest resource recovery centre for disposal options. Scan for more information









Fun Fact

During Plastic Free July, you can borrow a donated fabric bag from the "Borrow a Bag" stand at Dandenong Market.

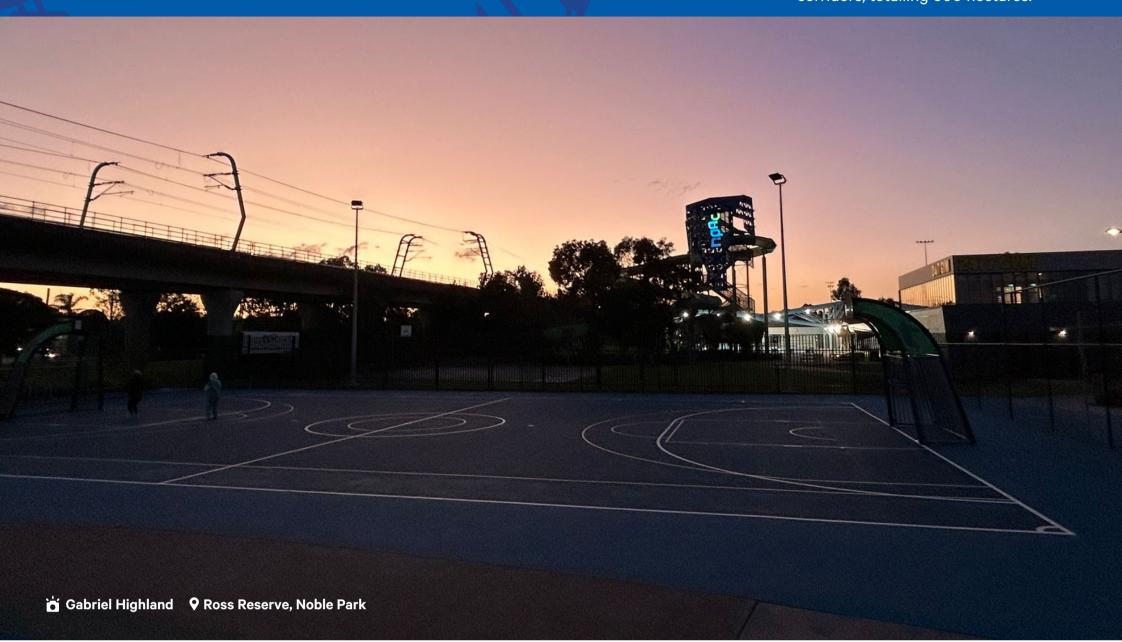


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August

Fun Fact

The City of Greater Dandenong has more than 100 parks, sports reserves and playgrounds. There are also four bushland areas and open space corridors, totalling 600 hectares.



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Fun Fact



Weekly bin collection	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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↓↓↓ Reduce Recycle

Keep your recycling loose

Your yellow lid recycling bin is the start of the recycling process.

You can recycle these five materials in your yellow lid kerbside bin

- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal and aluminium containers
- Paper and cardboard
- Hard plastic bottles and containers

Follow these handy tips to recycle right at home

- Place items loosely in the recycling bin
- Use a tub or other container to collect items for recycling
- Rinse out containers and put the lids back on
- Flatten or cut cardboard packaging into smaller pieces
- Do not put recycling in plastic bags. Items in bags can't be processed by sorting facilities, even if all the items are recyclable

These simple steps will increase the everyday products made with recycled materials and keep valuable materials out of landfill.



Food and Garden **Organics** bin

You can recycle food scraps by putting them into the green lid Food and Garden Organics bin.

Your foods scraps are turned into compost to improve the soil for our farmers and the parks and gardens right here in Greater Dandenong.

All types of foods, cooked and raw, can be placed in the green lid bin. But be sure not to add any plastic including bags, stickers or rubber bands.

If you don't have a green lid bin you can add one to your waste service.

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Bread, cereal and pasta, noodles and rice



Meat, bones and dairy



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Grass clippings, prunings and small branches



Small Branches 10cm x 30cm





We have some beautiful parks and gardens in Greater Dandenong for you to enjoy all year round.

Help us to keep them beautiful by not leaving litter in our parks and public places. Litter can end up in our waterways, harming the plants and animals that live there.

Please remember to use the bins provided or take your rubbish home with you.

Together we can keep our parks and gardens clean for everyone to enjoy.

Bin it or take it home with you.

www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/bin-it



Snap Send Solve

A cleaner Greater Dandenong is in your hands.

GREATER DANDENONG

Have you seen a problem in the community like graffiti, dumped rubbish or littering that Council needs to know about?



Snap Send Solve it.

Snap Send Solve is a free app community members can use to report problems to council.

Snap a photo of the problem, fill in the description, send it to us, and we will solve it!

www.snapsendsolve.com





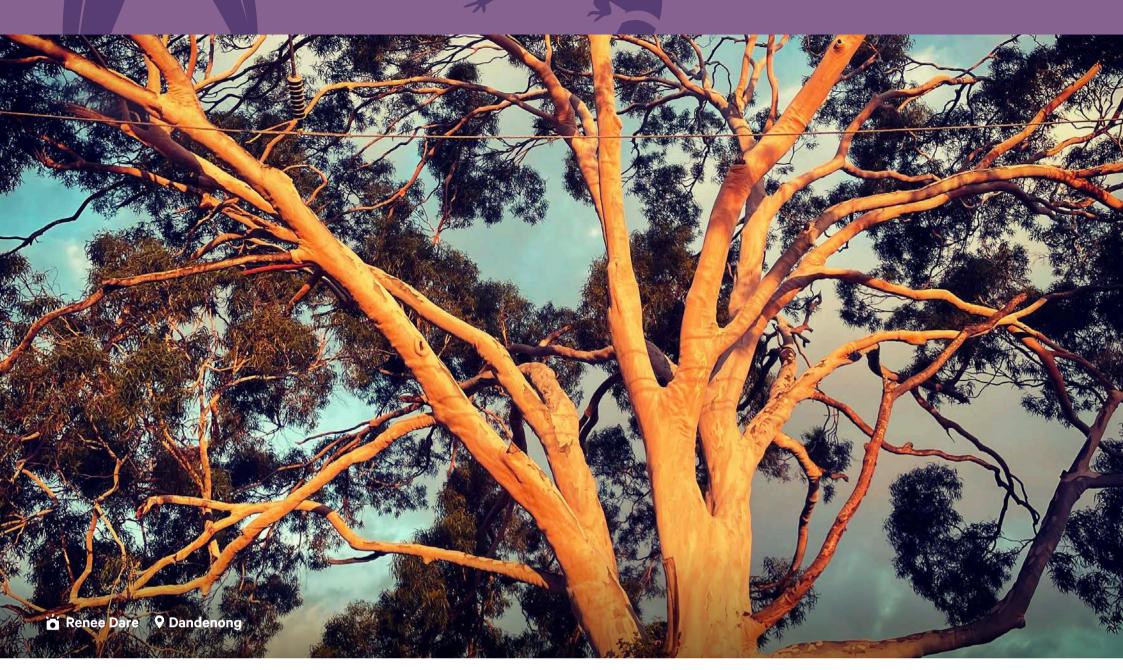
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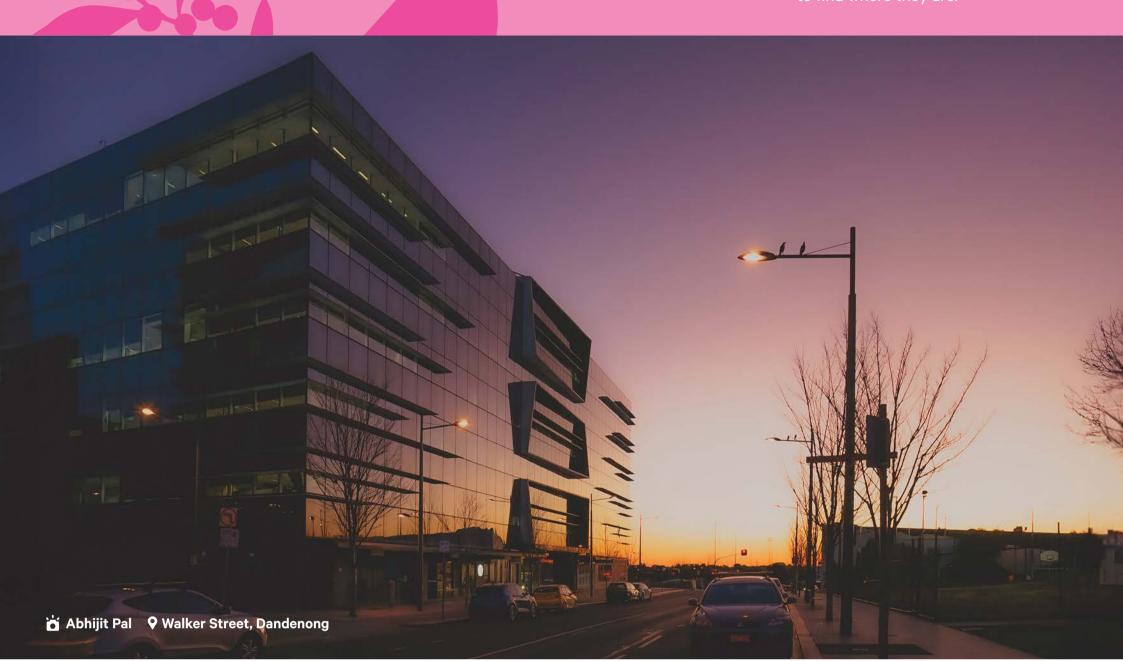
Here in the City of Greater Dandenong we manage approximately 55,000 trees that line our beautiful streets.



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Area 2		24		25	26	27	28	29	3	30
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December

Fun Fact

Sugar gliders are important pollinators. They're active during the night, gliding from tree to tree in search of nectar.



Weekly bin collection	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Area 1							
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General rubbish

Don't overfill your bin

Collected weekly



Disposable coffee cups



Broken glassware and ceramics



Paper towel. tissues, wet wipes and nappies





Kitty litter and animal droppings





GENERAL

- Make sure the lid will close
- No batteries or gas cylinders
- No paint or chemicals
- No electrical items

Food and garden organics

No bags, liners or packaging

Collected fortnightly



Bread, cereal and pasta, noodles and rice



Meat, bones and dairy



Grass clippings, prunings, small branches



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Branch size FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS

Line your caddy with paper towel or newspaper

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- No plant pots
- No kitty litter or animal droppings
- No logs, soil or building materials

Recycling

Keep your recycling loose

Collected fortnightly



Steel cans and lids



Glass bottles and jars



Paper and cardboard



Aluminium cans, foil and trays



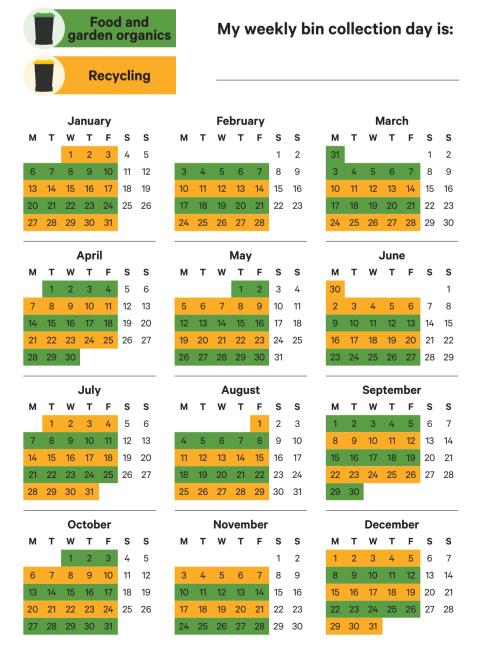
Hard plastic bottles and containers

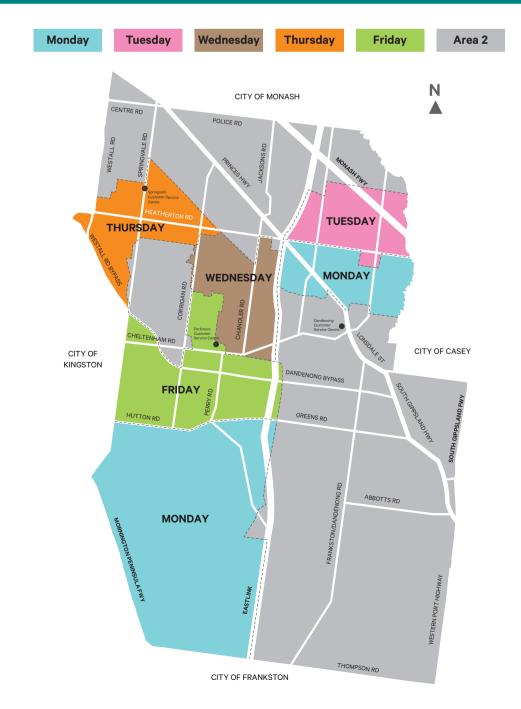


- Put your recycling in the bin loose, not in bags
- No soft plastics
- No bagged recycling or rubbish
- No batteries or gas cylinders

Area 1

2025 Collection Calendar and Schedule





For more information visit: greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/find-my-bin-day

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