

Soft Plastics Recycling in response to REDcycle closure FAQ

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Background

REDcycle is the major collector of household soft plastics for recycling in Victoria. On 9 November 2022, REDcycle announced that it would be pausing its collections program until at least mid-2023.

Below are some answers to some Frequently Asked Questions on how this might affect your recycling.

What is happening with REDcycle and soft plastic recycling at my supermarket?

REDcycle announced it is temporarily pausing its soft plastics collection program, which means you can no longer drop off your soft plastics at places like Woolworths and Coles for recycling. For more information about the announcement visit REDcycle's website: <https://redcycle.net.au/>.

How long will REDcycle be paused for?

REDcycle announced that the pause will last until at least mid-2023.

How can I recycle my soft plastics?

Unfortunately you can't drop off your soft plastics at supermarkets at the moment. We recommend you cut down on using soft plastics if you can. Unfortunately soft plastics must go into your general waste. You cannot put your soft plastics in your food and green waste bin or your mixed recycling bin.

What is Council doing about soft plastics recycling?

Soft plastics don't belong in your yellow-lidded recycling bin, because they can't be recycled as part of Darebin's kerbside recycling service.

Can I put soft plastics in my yellow mixed recycling bin?

No. Please put soft plastics in your general waste bin. Or visit [Planet Ark's Recycling Near You website](#) for your nearest soft plastic recycling option.

How can I reduce my soft plastic waste?

We know many things come in soft plastics. We recommend:

- Buying in bulk. Check out some of Darebin's single-use plastic free shops on the [Sustainable Darebin Map](#). You can shop at package free shops like Oasis or The Hub Bulk & Bare Food in Alphington or at one

of the many providers in the Preston Market. You can bring your own container to fill up at many shops.

- When you're shopping try and choose the option with the least packaging or with paper/cardboard packaging. You can give companies feedback that you would like a less packaging choice.

