

Why is the correct disposal of garden/green waste important?

Garden waste is an organic waste which should be disposed of correctly, and can be utilised in the composting process (leaves, grass clippings, flowers, small green prunings). Garden waste can be broken down in the compost bin and reused to assist with keeping your garden healthy.

The disposal of organic waste to landfill not only consumes significant volumes in landfill, it also has a profound environmental impact. The degrading of organic waste in an anaerobic environment (landfill) produces methane gas, which is a highly potent greenhouse gas, 24 times more potent than carbon dioxide ¹.

Where can I dispose of my garden waste?

You can drop your garden waste off at any of Murrindindi Shire Council's Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs) for free:

- ✓ Alexandra
- ✓ Yea
- ✓ Eildon
- ✓ Kinglake
- ✓ Marysville



Garden waste can also be composted and dealt with at home. Smaller, more readily degradable wastes such as leaves, flowers, grass clippings and small green prunings will be easily broken down in your compost bin.

Larger items such as branches will not compost easily at home, and can be cut up for to be burned either in your fireplace or in a bonfire, subject to fire management restrictions and favourable conditions.. Please note that no branches or timber over 2m in length, stumps, construction timber or manufactured timber are accepted at RRCs.

What happens to my garden waste after I have dropped it off?

Once you have dropped your garden waste off at one of our RRCs, it will be mulched into a product that can be used on your garden. This can be collected from the RRC free of charge (on availability). Periodically our mulched garden waste is taken by a local contractor and composted into high quality products that are sold in local garden centres.

For more information/references:

¹Clean Up Australia 2015, *Composting Fact Sheet*, Royal Exchange NSW, viewed 6th January 2016, <http://www.cleanup.org.au/files/clean_up_australia_composting_factsheet.pdf>.