

GPG 8 Recycling



Governing Legislation and Standards:

Environment Protection Act
Industrial Waste Management Policy (Waste minimisation)



Summary Information:

Recycling should not be considered until Cleaner Production techniques have been investigated.

Always look for ways to implement the 3 R's:

Reduce the volumes of all materials to avoid waste and reduce it at the source

Reuse waste materials for other purposes without reprocessing where possible

Recycle reprocess materials

If Cleaner Production techniques to reduce or reuse waste are not practical, recycling should then be considered

Many of the by-products you create can be recycled. Recycling can save, and even make you money. By recycling materials you reduce the amount of waste going to land fill.

Some of the wastes that can be recycled include:

- All metals
- Plastics
- Oil
- Glass
- Rubber
- Cardboard and clean paper
- Some chemicals and waste solvents.

These materials must be stored separately. Mixing these materials will contaminate them and make them unsuitable for recycling.



Further Help:

Your local council
www.ecorecycle.vic.gov.au/frames-generaldata.asp
www.epa.vic.gov.au

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Good Practice Risk Control:

- Initiate Cleaner Production techniques including;
- Negotiate with materials and component suppliers and ask them to take back packaging materials.
- Reuse or recycle packaging.
- Wherever possible, order supplies in minimum bulk quantities to reduce packaging.
- Separate your recyclable materials and store them in areas where you can accumulate quantities that are economical to recycle. This should include areas for:
 - Cardboard, clean paper and glass
 - All metals
 - Plastics
 - Glass
 - Some chemicals
 - Oil and waste solvents.
- Identify the wastes you can recycle and estimate how much of each recyclable waste you generate in a month or year.
- Access this web site -

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to find local recyclers of metal, plastics, oil, paper and cardboard. Ask them about the most effective methods of storage and collection.
- Only use the dump master and tip disposal for solid General Wastes that cannot be recycled.