

# Rescue your recycling competition

## Entry Guidelines

### Who can enter?

Entry is only open to school students, between grades 1 and 8, in the City of Maribyrnong. Students can work as teams to create their video.

In order to enter the competition, the video must be between 30 – 60 seconds long, and focus on how to recycle properly, in the City of Maribyrnong. Students can enter as an individual, a small group, or a class

### How do I submit my entry?

Once your video is complete, you can upload it to Youtube and submit the Youtube link online via the entry form.

### How will the video be judged?

Entries will be judged according to their accuracy, originality, creativity, and how effective they are in communicating their key message.

The Rescue Your Recycling short film project encourages students to get creative as they step beyond the classroom and help fight the war on waste.

The aim of the project is for students to produce a video which demonstrates how to rescue recycling from common mistakes. Students should work as a team to foster creative and collaborative skills.

**Watch this video for ideas on what you can include in your film.**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=95V\\_5GBd3MU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95V_5GBd3MU&feature=youtu.be)

## Ideas for your short video

### 1. Rescue your Recycling: Free it from the Plastic bag!

**Aim:** Create a video which will help people to remember not to put their recycling in plastic bags.

**Key message:** Rescue your recycling – free it from the plastic bag!

**Examples and inspiration (watch these videos for inspiration):**

Set your recycling free: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpyNFYQ9q0A&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpyNFYQ9q0A&feature=youtu.be)

Take recycling out of bags: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpTDPKoyrdo&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpTDPKoyrdo&feature=youtu.be)

### Useful information and ideas:

- Did you know that more than one third of recycling bins in Maribyrnong are contaminated with plastic bags and soft plastics?

- Though most people are great at sorting their recycling, a lot of people leave their recycling in a plastic bag.
- Plastic bags get caught in the recycling sorting machinery, so the recycling workers have to remove bags of recycling before they even get sorted.
- This means that if you leave your recycling in a plastic bag, it will end up in landfill and your hard recycling work can go to waste!
- Remember, don't trap your recycling in plastic bags, empty it into the bin loose.
- You can take your empty plastic bags and soft plastics to your local supermarket Redcycle bin instead.

## 2. Rescue your Recycling: Recycling 101

**Aim:** Create a short video to show what items can go in the recycling, and what should be left out.

**Key message:** Rescue your recycling –recycling 101!

Try to include some helpful tips to remember, like why it is important to leave your recycling loose, and how you can recycle from every room in the house.

### Examples and inspiration:

Maribyrnong Recycling video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=95V\\_5GBd3MU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95V_5GBd3MU&feature=youtu.be)

What to put in your bins video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9xiZUXkCSg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9xiZUXkCSg)

### Useful information and ideas:

- Always put your recycling in the bin loose (don't leave it in plastic bags)
- Make sure containers are empty (don't leave food or liquid in there)
- Use the scrunch test to see if a plastic item can be recycled (eg. if you scrunch cling wrap or a plastic bag, it is soft and cannot hold its shape, but if you try to scrunch a yoghurt container or a milk bottle, it is harder, and can hold its shape when you let go)
- Remember to recycle from every room of the house (eg. empty shampoo/detergent containers or toilet rolls from the laundry and bathroom)
- If in doubt, leave it out (if you're not sure if it can be recycled, leave it out of the recycling bin).
- Download the free Maribyrnong Bins & Recycling App for an A-Z recycling guide.
- Try to buy things made from recycled material

### Examples of items that CAN go in the recycling bin:

Aluminium cans, newspapers/magazines/junk mail, flattened cardboard, empty pizza boxes (with the lid off) steel cans (like baked beans), glass bottles, hard plastic containers (like yoghurt containers, milk containers, empty shampoo bottles), foil scrunched into a ball

### What CAN'T go in the recycling bin (if you see these in the recycling bin, take them out):

Soft plastics or plastic bags (use the scrunch test to see if it is soft, like cling wrap, soft packaging, postal bags or plastic bags), coffee cups, electrical items (no batteries, light bulbs, mobile phones, TV remotes etc), clothing, food waste, broken glass, general rubbish.

**Competition Opens:**  
**Entries Close:**  
**Winners Announced:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**