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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



There's no time to waste!

The clock is ticking on our global waste crisis as the world produces billions of tonnes of rubbish a year.

It's polluting our air, water and soil and huge landfills are driving people in third world countries from their homes. And to top it off, COVID has made our waste and recycling problem even worse, with a surplus amount of new waste which includes masks and swab testing kits.

The consequences of waste just keep piling up!

I know many of us might close the lid on our rubbish bins and think of it as 'out of sight, out of mind', but there are steps we can all take in our homes to do our part in stopping the global waste crisis.

The theme of this **National Recycling Week (7-13 November)** 'waste isn't waste until it's wasted', is an important reminder to think twice before putting something in the bin.

It's all about putting your waste to good use – dropping plastics off at participating supermarkets, cashing in eligible containers for some extra pocket money, or reducing the amount of waste in your rubbish bin by composting food scraps.

I recognise that recycling can sometimes be confusing and want to let you know that Council is here to help you get it right. For some helpful tips on which rubbish goes where and locations to take things like old computers, batteries and chemicals, check out **[cb.city/WasteAndRecycling](https://www.cb.city/WasteAndRecycling)**

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the NSW Government's ban on single-use plastics is now in full force. Our shop shelves have begun to look a little different lately as plastic straws, cutlery, stirrers, cotton buds, plates and bowls have been replaced with bamboo and other sustainable materials.

From 1 November, all single-use plastic items have been officially banned across NSW and businesses and organisations caught supplying plastic items could cop a \$11,000 fine.

It's time to freshen up on the list of banned items on the **NSW Government website** and do our part to beat plastic pollution.

Yours sincerely,



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