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# Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



## Recycle is not a dirty word, so let's do it right!

It's simple everyday actions like recycling, which can contribute to a better and cleaner environment.

Council collects approximately 22,000 tonnes of recycling per year, and I'm proud of our residents for doing the right thing.

But there is much more to be done as we are still finding 'unusual' items in bins meant for recycling products. Contaminants like batteries, household appliances, and even on one occasion, a whole car engine.

We must all continue to think twice before closing the lid on our bins, because what you put in your bin, could end up causing serious injury or damage and at great cost to Council.

Many common household cleaning products contain hazardous chemicals that can be harmful to both people and the environment if not disposed of properly. That's why Council is taking proactive steps to address this issue.

We hold two household chemical clean out days a year, where residents can safely dispose of items that cannot usually go in the red or yellow bin.

It's the perfect opportunity to get rid of those pesky household items like leftover paint, car oil, batteries and gardening insecticides.

I encourage you all to come down to Bankstown City PACEWAY this **Saturday 6 May**, from **9am-3.30pm**, and take advantage of this fantastic initiative.

And if you can't make it this weekend, you can also drop off your household chemicals any time of the year at one of the community recycling centres in our City. Find one near you online at **[cb.city/ChemicalCleanOut](http://cb.city/ChemicalCleanOut)**

Remember that dumping hazardous chemicals down the drain, or into the garbage, can have serious consequences for our environment, our waterways and our health.

I urge all residents to take advantage of what Council offers and properly dispose of hazardous waste.

Let us all take responsibility and work together to maintain a clean and healthy community.



Cllr Khal Asfour  
**MAYOR**