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Acids and Alkalis

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Aerosol cans (with contents)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Aerosol cans (empty)

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Aluminium cans

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#), [Return and Earn](#)

Aluminium foil (clean)

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Aluminium foil (not clean)

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Asbestos

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Ash (bagged)

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [compost bin](#) or [worm farm](#)

Baits (rodent)

[NSW EPA Chemical CleanOut](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Baskets (plastic)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Baskets (woven)

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Bathroom basin, bath, cupboards, fittings

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Bathroom waste (makeup remover pads, cotton balls, tissues etc.)

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Batteries (household use including rechargeable)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Council's libraries](#), [Battery World](#), [ALDI supermarkets](#)

Batteries (car and motorcycle)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [NSW EPA Chemical CleanOut](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#), [Battery World](#), [Repsco](#)

Batteries (mobile phone)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Council's libraries](#)

Bicycles

External recyclers or items not on this list can be searched on [Planet Ark's Recycling Near You directory](#)

If you have items in good condition, consider re-selling online or at a [Second Hand Hornsby garage sale](#)

* Please ensure that all charity donations are clean and in good condition. If you wouldn't give it to a mate, don't donate!

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Biscuit packets -

- Plastic packets - [Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents)
- Trays - [Yellow lid recycling bin](#)
- Foil packets - [Red lid garbage bin](#)

Blister (tablet) packs -

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [TerraCycle](#), Take to participating [Blooms](#) [The Chemist](#) pharmacies

Books -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Yellow lid recycling bin](#), Second hand book stores

Bottle tops (plastic) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), [Red lid garbage bin](#)

Bottle tops (metal) -

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Bubble wrap (clean) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents)

Building materials -

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Butane cans (empty) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Butane cans (with contents) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [NSW EPAChemical CleanOut](#)

Cardboard (small) -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Cardboard (flattened boxes and large sheets) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Beaumont Road Mt Ku-ring-gai drop off point](#)

Car parts/accessories -

[Scrap metal recyclers](#)

Carpet and underlay -

Large quantities - [External Waste Management Centre](#)

CD (discs) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#)

CD (covers) -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#)

Cassette tapes, VCR tapes -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Floppy disks, laser disks -

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Ceramics (including crockery) -

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Chairs -

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Chemicals -

[NSW EPAChemical CleanOut](#)

Christmas tree (live)	-
Green lid Garden Organics Bin (cut tree to fit in bin), Chipping Day	
Christmas tree (plastic)	-
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Clothing and accessories	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops* , Clothes swap	
Coat hangers (plastic)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Coat hangers (metal)	-
Charity Bins/Op Shops* , Scrap metal recyclers , return to dry cleaners	
Coffee Capsules	-
Red lid garbage bin , Nespresso collections , TerraCycle for all capsule brands	
Coffee Cups (single use)	-
Red lid garbage bin , Take to participating 7-Eleven stores	
Coffee tins/cans	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Computer paper	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Computers and computer peripherals	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Computers (broken or smashed)	-
Red lid garbage bin , Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Concrete	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Corflute	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents)	
Disposable nappies	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Doors	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
DVDs (discs)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
DVDs (covers)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Electrical appliances (e.g. toasters, kettles)	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Electronic (computers, TVs)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Exercise equipment	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Fabric	-
Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	

Fencing (any type)	—
Bulky Waste Collection (up to 1.5m length), External Waste Management Centre	
Flares (boating)	—
Service NSW	
Flourescent tubes and light globes	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, NSW EPAChemical CleanOut, External Waste Management Centre	
Fire extinguishers	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, NSW EPAChemical CleanOut	
Fridges	—
Bulky Waste Collection , Scrap metal recyclers	
Fruit and vegetable scraps (food waste)	—
Red lid garbage bin, compost bin or worm farm	
Fuels	—
NSW EPAChemical CleanOut, External Waste Management Centre	
Fungicides	—
NSW EPAChemical CleanOut, External Waste Management Centre	
Furniture (broken)	—
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre	
Furniture (good condition)	—
Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Garden waste	—
Green lid Garden Organics Bin	
Garbage (e.g. food waste, old clothes, household items)	—
Red lid garbage bin	
Garden hose and tools	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre	
Garden ornaments	—
Red lid garbage bin , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Gas bottles	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , NSW EPAChemical CleanOut	
Garden chemicals	—
NSW EPAChemical CleanOut	
Glass (cooking and food storage, window, glassware for drinking, sheets, shower screens)	—
Red lid garbage bin , External Waste Management Centre	
Glass bottles and jars from food	—
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Glass bottles for drinks	—
Yellow lid recycling bin , Return and Earn	
Glasses/spectacles	—
Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*, Return to local participating optometrist	
Guttering	—

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#), [Scrap metal recycler](#)

Hazardous waste -

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Heaters (oil) -

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Heating oil -

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Herbicides -

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Hot water systems -

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Household cleaners -

[NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event](#)

Household cleaning product containers (empty) -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Ice cream containers and lids -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Ink cartridges -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Council's libraries](#), [Australia Post](#)

Insulation batts -

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Juice cartons -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#), [Return and Earn](#)

Junk mail -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Kitty litter -

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Kitchen cupboards and sinks, fittings and utensils -

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Lattice -

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Laundry tubs, cupboards and fittings -

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Lawn mowers -

[External Waste Management Centre](#), [Scrap metal recycler](#)

Lids of plastic bottles and jars (left on bottles) -

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Lids of glass bottles and jars (separated from bottles) -

- Larger than 50c piece - [Yellow lid recycling bin](#)
- Smaller than 50c piece - [Red lid garbage bin](#)

Light bulbs -

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [NSW EPA Chemical CleanOut](#)

Light - Christmas lights -

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Lino

[Bulky Waste Collection](#) (Up to 1.5m length), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Linen (towels, sheets, cushions, blankets etc.)

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#), Check with local animal rescue organisation

Logs

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Lunch boxes (plastic)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents)

Lunch boxes (metal)

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Magazines

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#), [Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Magnets (fridge)

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Masonite

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Mattress

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Meat trays (plastic, empty)

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Medicine bottles (empty)

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Medicines and medical supplies

Return to participating hospitals and pharmacies

Microwave ovens

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Scrap metal recycler](#)

Milk bottles and cartons

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Mirrors

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Mobile phones

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Needles and syringes

Take to participating pharmacies and hospitals

Newspapers

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#), [Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Office paper

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Oil (motor and lubricants)

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [NSW EPA Chemical CleanOut](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Oil (cooking)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre, Red lid garbage bin , NSW EPA Chemical CleanOut, Soak up with paper towel and place in compost bin	
Oil (heating)	-
NSW EPA Chemical Clean Out Event	
Oil (empty containers)	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Ornaments (e.g. garden or household)	-
Yellow lid recycling bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Paint tins (liquid or hardened paint)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Paint tins (empty)	-
Red lid garbage bin (lids removed)	
Paint tins (with lids that cannot be removed, with or without contents)	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Pallets	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Paper	-
Yellow lid recycling bin , Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre	
Paper (shredded)	-
Red lid garbage bin , Compost bin or worm farm , Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (must be in a sealed cardboard box)	
Paper towel (used)	-
Red lid garbage bin , compost bin or worm farm	
Pens and pencils	-
Red lid garbage bin , take to participating Officeworks stores	
Perspex	-
External Waste Management Centre , Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (must be in a sealed cardboard box)	
Pesticides	-
NSWEPA Chemical CleanOut Event	
Petrol	-
NSWEPA Chemical CleanOut Event	
Picture frames	-
Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Pizza boxes (empty)	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Pizza boxes (with food)	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Plasterboard	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Plastic disposable containers (kitchen)	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Plastic disposable containers (laundry)	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	

Plastic disposable containers (bathroom)	—
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Plastic drink containers	—
Yellow lid recycling bin , Return and Earn	
Plastic plant pots	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Plastic plates, cups, knives, forks	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Plastic pipes, PVC plumbing	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Plastic storage containers (tupperware, crates)	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Plastic bags (soft and clean)	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Plastic wrapping/packaging (soft and clean)	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin	
Plastic bags and packaging (containing food remnants)	—
Red lid garbage bin	
Plastic strapping	—
Red lid garbage bin	
Poisons	—
NSWEPA Chemical CleanOut Event	
Polystyrene	—
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Porcelain/pottery	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Pool chemicals	—
NSWEPA Chemical CleanOut Event	
Pool covers	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Pots and pans	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Pyrex (glass ovenware)	—
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Radios	—
Red lid garbage bin , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Records (vinyls)	—
Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Renovation material	—
External Waste Management Centre	
Rocks	—

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Roof tiles

—

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Roll on deodorant

—

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Rubber inner tubes

—

[Bulky Waste Collection](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Sand/soil

—

[External Waste Management Centre](#)

Sawdust

—

[Red lid garbage bin \(bagged\)](#), [compost bin](#) or [worm farm](#)

Shoes

—

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Shredded paper

—

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [compost bin](#) or [worm farm](#), donate to local pet shop, [Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (must be in a sealed cardboard box)

Smoke alarms (with batteries removed)

—

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#), [NSW EPAChemical CleanOut](#)

Solvents

—

[NSW EPAChemical CleanOut](#)

Sporting goods, exercise equipment

—

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Spray cans (with contents)

—

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#)

Spray cans (empty)

—

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Stationery (pens, etc.)

—

[Red lid garbage bin](#)

Steel cans

—

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Stereo equipment and speakers

—

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#), [Charity Bins/Op Shops*](#)

Note: Audio speakers encased in timber (wooden encasing) cannot be recycled at the [Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#).

Styrofoam

—

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#) (only available to Hornsby Shire residents), [Red lid garbage bin](#)

Take away food containers (not polystyrene)

—

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Tarpaulins

—

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [External Waste Management Centre](#)

Tea bags

—

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [compost bin](#) or [worm farm](#)

Telephone books

—

[Yellow lid recycling bin](#)

Televisions	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Televisions (broken, smashed)	-
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Thermometers	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Timber	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Tin cans	-
Yellow lid recycling bin	
Tissues/toilet paper	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Toilets	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Toner printer cartridges	-
Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , Officeworks	
Tools	-
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Toys	-
Red lid garbage bin , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Tree Trunks/stumps	-
External Waste Management Centre	
Tyres and wheels	-
External Waste Management Centre , Tyre Stewardship Australia	
Vacuum cleaner dust	-
Red lid garbage bin (bagged) , compost bin or worm farm	
Video tapes	-
Red lid garbage bin , Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
Vinyl	-
Red lid garbage bin , Bulky Waste Collection	
Washing machines	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Scrap metal recycler	
Waxed cardboard	-
Red lid garbage bin	
Wheel barrows	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Charity Bins/Op Shops*	
White goods	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre , Scrap metal recycler	
Window frames (no glass)	-
Bulky Waste Collection , External Waste Management Centre	
Wine bladders (all types)	-

[red lid garbage bin](#)

Wire

[Red lid garbage bin](#), [Bulky Waste Collection](#), [Scrap metal recycler](#)

Xrays

[Thornleigh Community Recycling Centre](#), [Red lid garbage bin](#)



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