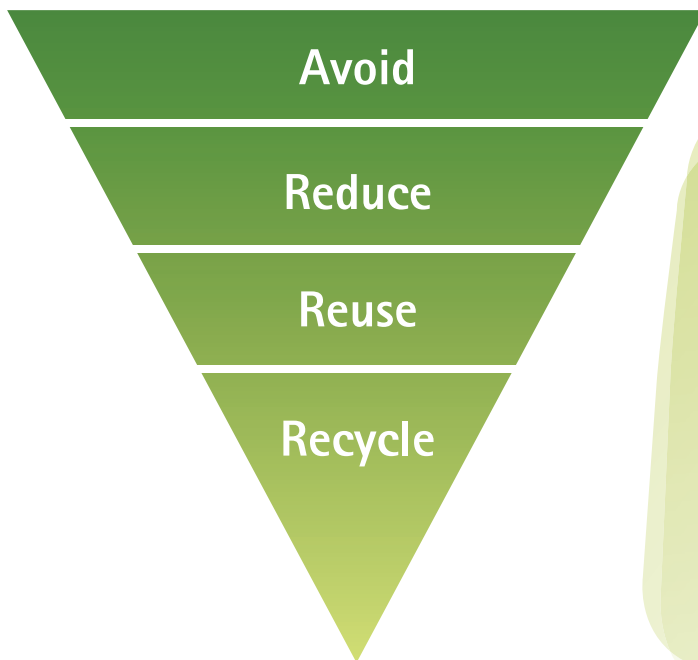




WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING

Reduce the amount of rubbish your business generates by purchasing less, and reusing and recycling as much waste as possible.



Avoid and reduce

The first step towards reducing waste is to avoid purchasing unnecessary products. Ask yourself, do I really need this and try to avoid products with excessive packaging.

Make the most of goods you need to run your business. Use that milk bottle down to the last drop, or that notepad down to the last page.

Reuse and Recycle

Reusing something more than once helps to reduce costs and often creates interest. Reuse interesting old bottles as vases, or cover old chairs with new fabric instead of throwing them out.

Create separate bins for recycling and rubbish and put them in easy to use places. Be sure to display guides of what can and can't be recycled.

For information on Council's business recycling service please call 9243 8888 or visit businessinmv.com.au

Waste minimisation ideas for food businesses

- accept and encourage customers to bring their own reusable cups
- provide condiments (salt, pepper, sugar) in bulk dispensers instead of individual portions
- offer smaller portions (eg. child size meals)
- compost food wastes (banana, coffee grounds)

Waste minimisation ideas for retail businesses and offices

- reuse bags and boxes to send products out again
- buy coffee, tea and sugar in bulk instead of individual portions for staff use
- print double sided, if you need to print at all
- buy recycled paper, even for receipts
- rent office equipment such as computers if you need to upgrade regularly
- keep an up-to-date list of your supply cupboard contents to prevent over ordering
- compost food wastes (banana peels, coffee grounds)
- shred used paper to create your own packaging filler
- buy non-perishable items like toilet paper and soap in bulk
- send crates, boxes and pallets back to the supplier, and accept them back from your own customers

Helpful websites

businessrecycling.com.au
resourcesmart.vic.gov.au
climatecommunities.vic.gov.au



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