

# A – Z of Banana Shire Waste Recycling and Disposal

## Waste Facilities

Banana Shire Council maintains eight waste transfer stations and three landfills. The Waste Services section of Council's website lists the operator contact details and locations of our facilities. The table below is a guide to waste recycling and disposal options for various items and waste types in the Banana Shire.

### Transfer Stations

Transfer stations have large bins to dispose of general waste with separate areas for recycling and resource recovery. The bins are transported to Trap Gully Landfill for waste burial. Recyclable and reusable materials such as steel, green waste (garden clippings) etc. are collected or processed. Please follow signage and contact site operator if in doubt.

### Landfills

Cracow and Taroom landfills require general waste to be disposed of in a trench. There are separate areas for recycling and resource recovery. Trap Gully Landfill is a restricted landfill for commercial disposal with fees and conditions applied.

### Safety

For your own safety, please do not enter waste bins as sharp objects such as broken materials and needles, as well as biological and chemical hazards may be present which could lead to injury or infection.

## Recycling and Resource Recovery

Council encourages recycling and aims to recover of as much material as possible from waste. Refer to the table below to see if

each waste type can be recycled. Your best option will be avoiding the waste being produced in the first place.

Landfill space is expensive due to the earthworks required and environmental controls necessary to maintain it. Filling landfills with non-essential waste is unsustainable in the long term. Reducing the amount of waste going to landfill through recycling benefits both ratepayers and the environment.

### Cost

Household recycling and waste disposal will continue to be free (excluding tyres) at all Shire waste facilities. Commercial (non-household) waste will be charged as per Council's Waste Management Disposal Fees if it cannot be recycled by Council.

Recycling for commercial waste is free (excluding concrete where there is a small charge and tyres). Commercial waste is currently only accepted at Trap Gully Landfill, however plans are in place to accept and charge for small quantities of this waste at other Shire facilities.

With the introduction of the Queensland waste levy on 1 July 2019, minimising waste to landfill will save your organisation money as there is no levy on recyclable wastes. See Council's Waste Levy Fact Sheet, or for more information: [www.qld.gov.au/waste-disposal-levy](http://www.qld.gov.au/waste-disposal-levy).

### Changing Circumstances

This list will be updated regularly to accommodate opportunities and changes in markets for recyclable materials, and the services on offer at each Shire waste facility.

Item	Recycle (R) Dispose (D)	Further instructions
Aerosol cans (empty)	R	Place in steel piles at all waste facilities. Remove and dispose of plastic parts.
Aerosol cans (partial or full)	Alternative use R	Find an alternative use until empty. Flammable items such as these are a safety hazard to truck and waste facility operators. Combustion can cause truck and landfill fires. Contact Council for up to date disposal options. Solutions are currently being investigated.
Aluminium cans	R	See <a href="http://www.containersforchange.com.au">www.containersforchange.com.au</a> for monetary returns and locations throughout the Shire. All transfer stations have aluminium can drums for recycling.
Asbestos	D	Trap Gully Landfill only. Asbestos waste is exempt from the Queensland waste levy, however disposal fees will apply to all commercial loads, or domestic loads over 175kg (or 0.5m <sup>3</sup> ). Must be wetted, securely double-wrapped and placed in the designated area. All household and commercial asbestos deliveries require an application form (no charge) to be filled and submitted before disposal. Forms on Council website. It is an offence to dispose of unwrapped asbestos and significant penalties apply. Incorrect disposal also poses a hazard to public and waste staff health. See <a href="http://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au">www.asbestos.qld.gov.au</a> for details on how to safely remove, transport and prepare asbestos for disposal.
Bags (reusable 'green' shopping)	R	Woolworths REDcycle bin at front of store. See <a href="#">Reducing Plastics</a> section of the Woolworths website or <a href="http://www.redcycle.net.au">www.redcycle.net.au</a> for details. Cloth shopping bags not included. See 'Plastics (bags, soft, crushable)' for single use plastic packaging.

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Batteries (all vehicles)	R	Biloela, Moura, Banana and Theodore transfer stations. Vehicle batteries can be left for recycling at Supercheap Auto, Biloela.
Batteries (phone)	R	Designated areas at Biloela and Moura transfer stations.
Batteries (small, dry cell, computer)	R	Designated areas at Biloela and Moura transfer stations. Battery World in Gladstone and Rockhampton.
Bicycle	R	If re-sellable, either Moura or Biloela transfer stations or charity. If scrap, can go into the steel pile at all waste facilities.
Books, CDs, DVDs	R or D	Charity if in good condition. If scrap, place in wheelie bin, general waste bins/pit.
Bread bag tags	R	Collection points at Shire libraries. Place in designated area or as directed by staff. See <a href="http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za">www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za</a> for more information and other collection points. Australian information is at the bottom of each page.
Building waste (reusable)	R	Biloela and Moura transfer stations – consult with site operator. 'Clean' bricks, tiles and pavers can be recycled. Separate from other waste types and ensure no asbestos is attached. Tiles stuck to fibro backing are not recyclable.
Building waste (non-reusable)	D	Biloela and Moura Transfer Station 'Builders Rubble' skip bin for domestic. Trap Gully Landfill for commercial loads.
Car bodies	R	Car bodies can be added to the scrap steel pile at all waste facilities. Please drain fluids first. See other sections in this table for correct disposal options.
Cardboard	R	Biloela and Moura Transfer Station accept all types of clean cardboard and paper to recycle. Council services cardboard collection bins up at the following locations, which can also be accessed by other local residents and businesses for cardboard and paper recycling –: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baralaba - Baralaba Supermarket</li> <li>• Jambin - Jambin State School (<i>school hours only, sign in at office</i>)</li> <li>• Moura - Moura Mens' Shed, Moura Bowls Club</li> <li>• Thangool - Thangool Roadhouse</li> <li>• Theodore - Xtreme 1 Servo</li> <li>• Wowan - Wowan Roadhouse</li> </ul> Please make contact with business/school to determine the most appropriate time to access bins. <i>It is essential that <b>only</b> paper and cardboard are placed in these bins – no plastic, Styrofoam or other waste.</i>
Chemical containers (farm, empty)	R	drumMUSTER provides agricultural and veterinary chemical users with a recycling pathway for eligible chemical containers. Containers must be triple-rinsed and can be taken to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biloela Transfer Station – 7am to 5:30pm, 7 days/week. Contact site supervisor on arrival.</li> <li>• Moura Transfer Station – 7am to 5:30pm, 7 days/week. Contact site supervisor on arrival.</li> <li>• Theodore Aerodrome, Eidsvold-Theodore Road, Theodore. Collections by appointment only – contact Theodore Council Operator on 0408 199 247</li> <li>• Taroom Works Depot. Collections by appointment only – contact Council on 4992 9500.</li> <li>• Wowan. Compound operated by Wowan State School P and C – contact Brian Morretti on 07 4937 1352 to arrange a suitable delivery time.</li> <li>• For large quantities (500+), contact drumMUSTER directly.</li> </ul> See <a href="http://www.drummuster.org.au">www.drummuster.org.au</a> for further information and cleanliness standards.
Chemicals (farm)	R	Chem Clear collects unused farm chemicals directly from the farm. See <a href="http://www.chemclear.org.au">www.chemclear.org.au</a> for further information.

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Concrete	R or D	Clean concrete not mixed with other waste types can be reused at Trap Gully Landfill – see site operator. Contact Council's Senior Waste Management Coordinator for other acceptable stockpile locations. Small household amounts of concrete mixed with other are to be disposed of in the 'Builders Rubble' skip bin at Biloela and Moura transfer stations.
Cooking oil (waste)	R or D	Biloela and Moura transfer stations – see site operator. Also collection by private contractors. Small household amounts can be soaked up with scrap paper and placed in wheelie bin or composted.
Crockery, cutlery, ovenware, Pyrex	R or D	If good working quality and unbroken - Biloela Transfer Station and charity. Otherwise, scrap to wheelie bins and waste facility bin/pit.
Clothing, linen	R of D	Biloela and Moura transfer stations in bin/pit or charity if in good condition. Old towels may be donated to veterinary surgeries or Council's pound. Please contact each organisation prior to dropping off.
Dead animals/carcass waste	D	Trap Gully Landfill.
Demolition waste	D	Trap Gully Landfill for mixed loads.
Electrical appliances (small)	D	All waste facilities. Place steel appliances in steel bin. Plastic in general waste bin.
Explosives/ammunition	R with care or Special Disposal	Queensland Police Service (General enquiries 24/7 13 14 44). Flammable items such as these are a safety hazard to truck and waste facility operators. Ignition can cause truck and landfill fires. Used gun brass can be taken to Moura Transfer Station for metal recycling – contact site operator prior to disposal.
Contaminated soil	D	Trap Gully Landfill (by application only, and up to certain maximum contamination levels and allowable leaching contaminant levels). Contact Council's Senior Waste Management Coordinator for further detail.
Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs or beacons)	Special Disposal	Contact Maritime Safety Queensland for disposal options.
Engines (without oil)	R	Scrap steel pile at all waste facilities.
E-waste (computers, TVs, tablets etc.)	R	Place into the designated 1000L pod at Biloela Transfer Station. See site operator at Moura Transfer Station. The battery component will be separated and recycled – see 'Batteries'.
Fire extinguishers	R with care	Return to place of purchase or to any waste facility steel pile if the tops are removable (if complete, the pressure can cause an explosion when steel is crushed). If not, set aside in gas cylinder recycling area.
Fire lighters (cigarette/BBQ)	D with care	Use until finished before disposal. Flammable items such as these are a safety hazard to truck and waste facility operators. Combustion can cause truck and landfill fires.
Flares	Special Disposal	Contact Maritime Safety Queensland for disposal options. Flammable items such as these are a safety hazard to truck and waste facility operators. Combustion can cause truck and landfill fires.
Food scraps	R or D	Home compost or worm farm. Fact sheets on how to do this are available on Council's website. Otherwise general waste bins/pit. Other options for reuse exist within the Shire – contact Council for further information.
Fuel	Alternative use R	Return to place of purchase or find a responsible alternative use. Flammable items such as these are a safety hazard to truck and waste facility operators. Spontaneous combustion can cause truck and landfill fires.

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Furniture	R or D	Biloela Transfer Station's tip shop or charity if in good sellable condition. If damaged/old, place in 'Builders Rubble' bin. See site operator.
Garden clippings/green waste (clean)	R with care	Home compost or worm farm. Fact sheets on how to do this are available on Council's website. Green waste pile at all waste facilities (except Trap Gully Landfill). Please ensure green waste is free of rubbish, building materials and asbestos. Sort your load. Green waste contaminated with general waste is to be placed in bins/pit at waste facilities.
Garden tools, equipment, pots	R	Biloela and Moura Transfer Stations Tip Shop or charity. Consult with site operators.
Gas cylinders/ bottles	R	Return to place of purchase for exchange. Biloela or Moura Transfer Stations, Trap Gully Landfill – to be placed in correct location, consult with site operator.
General waste (non-recyclable, co-mingled)	D	All waste facilities. Domestic quantities to transfer stations, and Cracow and Taroom landfills. Commercial general waste is to be disposed of at Trap Gully Landfill – fees apply.
Glass bottles and jars	R or D	Containers for Change accept beer bottles and small juice. See <a href="http://www.containersforchange.com.au">www.containersforchange.com.au</a> for monetary returns, eligible containers and drop off locations throughout the Shire. Other containers are not currently accepted for recycling at any transfer stations, but may be disposed of in your wheelie bin or transfer station bin/landfill pit. Contact Council for up to date disposal options. Solutions are being investigated.
Grease trap waste	R or D with care	Contact a licensed liquid waste transporter to collect. Options for reuse exist within the Shire – contact Council Waste Services for further information. Where alternatives are not available, dispose of at Trap Gully Landfill (regulated waste application required).
Hazardous waste	D with care	See 'chemicals (farm)', 'household hazardous chemicals' and 'regulated waste'.
Household hazardous chemicals (5 litre/kg limit)	D with care	Includes everyday products such as bleach, oven cleaners, mineral turpentine, fuel, herbicides and pool chlorine. Some can be flammable, corrosive, explosive or toxic and must never be disposed of in your household wheelie bin or in a landfill/general waste bin. These items can be crushed during transport and burial, which may cause dangerous fires injuring waste transporters and landfill operators. Keep in original labeled and lidded containers for safety reasons. Use appropriately until empty if possible. Please refer to Council's Household Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet for the safest way to dispose of potentially hazardous or dangerous waste.
Light bulbs	R or D	See <a href="http://www.fluorocycle.org.au">www.fluorocycle.org.au</a> for more detail. Small quantities in wheelie bin / waste facility pit/bin.
LPG tanks - cars	R	Return to place of purchase, or Biloela or Moura Transfer Stations to go where gas cylinders are located – consult with site operator.
Mattresses	R of D	Biloela Transfer Station or charity if clean and re-sellable. Contact site operator. Otherwise, in 'Builders Rubble' skip bin at Biloela and Moura Transfer stations, or general waste pit/bin at other sites.
Medicines	Special Disposal	Unwanted or expired medicines are to be placed in the Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) bin at your local pharmacy. Medicines disposed in the landfill may affect the environment. See <a href="http://www.returnmed.com.au">www.returnmed.com.au</a> for more details.
Mobile phones (including phone batteries, chargers, accessories, WiFi devices and smart watches)	R	MobileMuster collection points – Biloela and Moura Transfer Stations, and Telstra Store, Biloela. Or see <a href="http://www.mobilemuster.com.au">www.mobilemuster.com.au</a> for more detail. MobileMuster can send you a mailing label to send your phone and accessories to them for free. See their website more detail or if you wish to have your own recycling box at your business. See 'E-waste' for how to dispose of tablets and computers safely at Shire locations.
Motorcycles	R	Steel pile at all waste facilities. All fluids to be drained out. Tyres to Trap Gully Landfill for recycling. Oil to banded oil shed. Reuse fuel (see 'Fuel' above).

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Mowers	R	Steel pile at all waste facilities. All fluids to be drained out. Small tyres to general waste. Oil to banded oil shed. Reuse fuel (see 'Fuel' above).
Nappies	D	Wheelie bin or general waste bin/pit at all waste facilities.
Needles	Special Disposal	See 'Sharps (needles, syringes)'.
Oil (car) (less than 20 litres in a container)	R	At each transfer station (excluding Banana Transfer Station). Place in signed area for 'Waste Oil'. Vehicle oil bin in front of Supercheap Auto, Biloela.
Oil (car) (over 20 litres)	R	Contact Cleanaway or another collection agency.
Paper	R	Shred paper and add to compost or worm farm. Fact sheets on how to do this are available on Council's website. All types of clean paper recyclable at Biloela and Moura Transfer Station. No wrapping paper or foil type to be included – add this to general waste.
Paint tins (empty or with minimal amounts of dry paint)	R	Steel pile at all waste facilities.
Paint tins (with paint)	D with care	Find alternative use if possible. Biloela and Moura Transfer Stations – see site operators. Small solidified/dried amounts into wheelie bin/general waste bin/pit at all waste facilities.
Plastic (bags, soft, crushable)	R	Place soft plastic packaging in Woolworths REDcycle bin at front of store. See <a href="http://www.redcycle.net.au">www.redcycle.net.au</a> for details on which plastics can be accepted.
Plastic bottles	R or D	Containers for Change accept some plastic bottles. See <a href="http://www.containersforchange.com.au">www.containersforchange.com.au</a> for monetary returns, eligible containers and locations throughout the Shire. Non-accepted containers should be crushed for disposal and placed in your wheelie bin or general waste bin at all waste facilities.
Plastic bottle lids	R	Envision reuse plastic bottle lids to make prosthetic limbs, 3D filament and other products. See <a href="http://www.envision.org.au">www.envision.org.au</a> for collection points.
Printer cartridges	R	Cartridges 4 Planet Ark container at Biloela and Moura Transfer Station. See <a href="http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/cartridges4planetark">www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/cartridges4planetark</a> for more detail or if you wish to have your own recycle box at your business. Return to office supply stores that participate in recycling.
Recreational equipment	R or D	Damaged large items to 'Builders Rubble' skip bin at Biloela and Moura Transfer Stations. Steel equipment frames can be placed in scrap steel piles at all waste facilities. Undamaged items can be given to charity, or Biloela or Moura Transfer Stations.
Regulated waste	D with care	Certain types of waste, which are potentially hazardous to health or the environment, are classed as 'regulated waste'. See Schedule 7 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for categories and definitions. Only certain types of regulated waste are accepted at Trap Gully. Call Council's Senior Waste Management Coordinator for further detail. All regulated waste deliveries require an application form to be filled and submitted before disposal. Form on Council website.
Scrap metal (all types)	R	Scrap steel piles at all waste facilities.
Septic waste	Special Disposal	Contact a licensed liquid waste transporter to collect your septic tank waste. Small quantities from caravans/motorhomes can be disposed of at portable toilet dump points.
Steel food cans (not plastic-lined)	R	Steel pile at all waste facilities. Plastic-lined cans cannot be recycled, and can be placed in wheelie bins and general waste bins.

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Sharps (needles, syringes)	Special Disposal	Disposal receptacles available at designated pharmacies and Council (to be disposed of in a sharps container). Disposal containers available at some public toilets. Visit the 'Health and Environment' page of Council's website.
Telephone books	R	Biloela and Moura transfer station cardboard/paper recycle bins/area.
Tetra Paks	R or D	Containers for Change accept some Tetra Paks. See <a href="http://www.containersforchange.com.au">www.containersforchange.com.au</a> for monetary returns, eligible containers and locations throughout the Shire. Non-accepted containers should be crushed for disposal and placed in your wheelie bin or general waste bin at all waste facilities.
Timber – good, clean condition	R	Biloela and Moura transfer stations for recycling and reselling. Consult with site operator.
Timber – raw and clean untreated	R	All waste facilities for mulching (except Trap Gully Landfill). No steel, asbestos or other material to be attached.
Timber – treated, particle board, melamine, laminated and painted	D	All waste facilities in bin/pit. Place in 'Builders Rubble' skip bin at Biloela and Moura transfer stations. Do not place in green waste piles.
Timber pallets	R or D	Untreated, clean timber pallets can be reused or placed in green waste pile if damaged. Treated timber pallets are to be placed in bin/pit at all waste facilities. Place in 'Builders Rubble' skip bin at Biloela and Moura transfer stations.
Tyres with or without rims	R	Trap Gully Landfill (Council waste fees apply, however no waste levy will apply as they do not go to landfill). See schedule of Fees and Charges on Council's website.
Window glass (broken)	D	Wheelie bin or general waste bin/pit at all waste facilities.
Window glass (unbroken)	R	Biloela Transfer Station. Whole windows can be reused, consult with site operator.
Whitegoods	R	Large steel whitegoods can be added to scrap steel piles at all waste facilities.

**Recycle (R)** Where an item is to be recycled at a waste facility, please follow signage and place item in the appropriate area and keep the area neat and tidy. If you are unsure where to place an item, please see site operators or call Council Waste Services on 4992 9500.

**Dispose (D)** If a waste item is to be disposed, please either place fully in waste bins or landfill trench as directed. It is important for public health and visual amenity to keep the facility neat and tidy.

**Special disposal** requires contacting the appropriate organisation to handle the disposal.

**Penalties apply for misuse of waste facilities or disposal in an incorrect location.**

**Security cameras are operational at all waste facilities to ensure compliance.**

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