

The average Australian household produces 15 tonnes of greenhouse gases, uses 230,000 litres of water and creates 1.7 tonnes of landfill waste every year.

reuse 2

Most of what we consume ends up as rubbish within months, weeks, days or even minutes. Australia is the second-most wasteful society, per capita, in the world after the United States, sending an average of nearly 700 kilograms of waste per person to landfill every year. That's enough rubbish to cover the entire state of Victoria. By extending the life cycle of products we can cut down on that rubbish. Try to buy items that are reusable or come in reusable packaging – and make sure you reuse them. Before you throw it away, ask yourself if that wrapping paper can be saved, that container refilled, that pair of shoes mended or that machine fixed.

- Less waste
- Less pollution
- Lower carbon emissions
- Save money

soft furnishings

Look for natural furnishings that have been or can be recycled – tables made from reclaimed timber, organic cotton curtains, an organic wool duvet, beeswax candles, bamboo, hemp bedding or jute flooring. Save resources used in the manufacturing of new materials by buying second-hand furniture – old timber products are much more durable than new furniture made from veneer-covered particle board. Or buy new furniture made from recycled materials such as recovered railway sleepers, old phones, computer casings and vacuum cleaners.



- Lower consumption
- Lower carbon emissions
- Less waste



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switch to renewables

Our energy needs will continue to draw on emission-producing non-renewable sources such as coal for as long as we care only about what energy source is cheapest to burn. Increasing numbers of Australians are taking their responsibility to future generations seriously by signing up for renewable power to ensure their energy consumption is not contributing to greenhouse gas emission. Under the government-accredited Green Power scheme your energy provider will source the equivalent of some or all of your energy consumption from renewable sources, such as solar, wind and hydro. It does cost more but your money is used to support crucial investment in renewable energy.

- Lower carbon emissions
- Invest in renewable energy

