Paper and Cardboard

Find out how paper, cardboard, and newsprint can be recycled!

Residents can now recycle paper, cardboard, and glossy magazine print for FREE at the Regional Waste Management Facility. But there are a few things to consider.

Place paper, cardboard, and glossy magazine print in separate skips.
For recycling purposes, paper, cardboard, and glossy paper/newsprint should be considered as separate products. Each type of material needs to be separated and placed in the different skips provided.

Materials must be kept free from contamination.
Materials must be kept clean. That means no plastics, metals or other materials can go in the skips, shredded paper must be emptied out of plastic bags, and food-soiled cardboard (such as pizza boxes) will be considered contaminated. Handling fees may be charged if materials are contaminated.

Cardboard boxes must be flattened.
Bulky cardboard or large pieces of cardboard will not fit into the baler. Please cut large pieces and flatten boxes.

Not all materials can be recycled
Liquid Paper Board is a material made from plastics, aluminium, and cardboard. This is the packaging that long-life milk comes in. Liquid Paper Board unfortunately cannot be recycled in Alice Springs at this stage.

What happens to recycled paper and cardboard?
Paper, cardboard, and glossy paper are baled into 500kg cubes at the Regional Waste Management Facility to maximise on transport.

The baled material is then sent interstate to a recycling facility where it is recycled back into paper products such as cardboard boxes.

Regional Waste Management Facility and Rediscovery Centre
Commonage Road. Open 7 days, 8am-4pm.

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