

Re-think your waste!

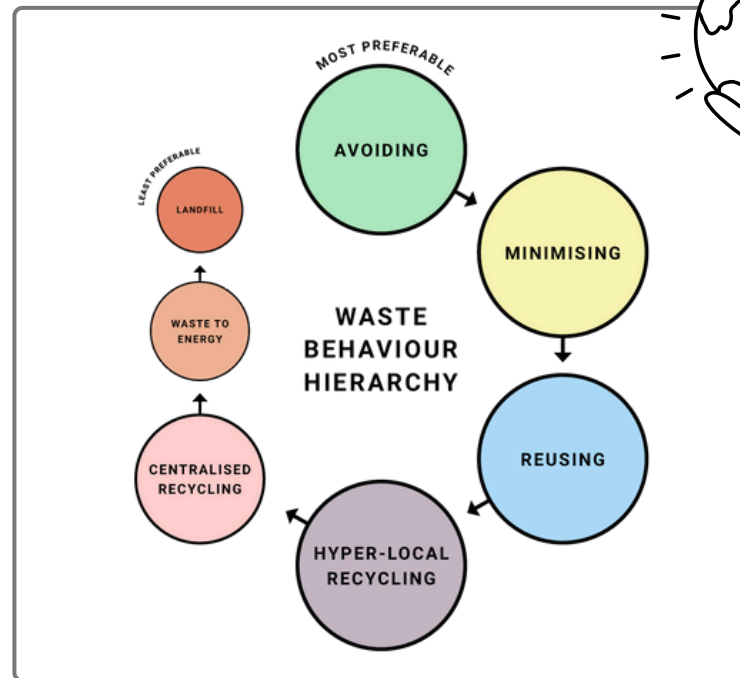
Landfills are overflowing and harming the environment, but did you know there are other ways to manage our resources?



What is the 'circular economy'?

An economic system where materials are kept in use for as long as possible instead of being sent to landfill. This system reduces pollution, increases business opportunities and improves the health of our environment.

Need help recycling or reusing a specific material? Visit <https://businessrecycling.com.au/>



CIRCULAR ECONOMY CHECKLIST

For Pharmacies and Medical

1 AVOID BUYING NEW

We offer refillable products to customers to avoid packaging. We offer refillable products to avoid single use containers (e.g. refillable shampoo containers, etc.).

We avoid products that come with excess packaging. We receive products from different suppliers to ensure we purchase products which use as little packaging as possible.

We have eliminated single use check out items. Our customers bring their own bags and get email or text receipts.

2 MINIMISE WASTE

We buy in bulk. This reduces packaging waste and saves money for our business. By keeping track of products we sell frequently, we can order those items in larger quantities for customers.

We encourage digital receipts. Receipt paper is not recyclable, so we minimise it by offering customers texted / emailed receipts. We Keep records online to reduce paper too!

We minimise cleaning products by using washable cloths such as microfibre, rather than chux or single use wipes.

3 REUSE & REPAIR

We incorporate repairs into our business. We repair our furniture, equipment and uniforms when they break, rather than sending them to landfill.

We reuse clearance tags instead of printing new ones. By reusing discount and clearance tags, we dramatically reduce the amount of paper we use.

4 RECYCLE

We separate materials into their bins. Our shop's bins match the outside bin area, (e.g. general waste, recycling, cardboard, soft plastics, organics) which makes our recycling easy and effective!

We are a recycling collection point for niche materials. Pharmacies are a useful spot for recycling points for hard-to-recycle items like blister packs through *Pharmacycle*.



Did you know?
In our recent survey, on average people thought that recycling was very important at work, yet, less than 30% of medical & pharmacy staff had heard of the 'circular economy'!

LANDFILL

We limit the waste we put in landfill, because we know it creates dangerous emissions that pollute the environment and harm communities.

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