

Re-think your waste!

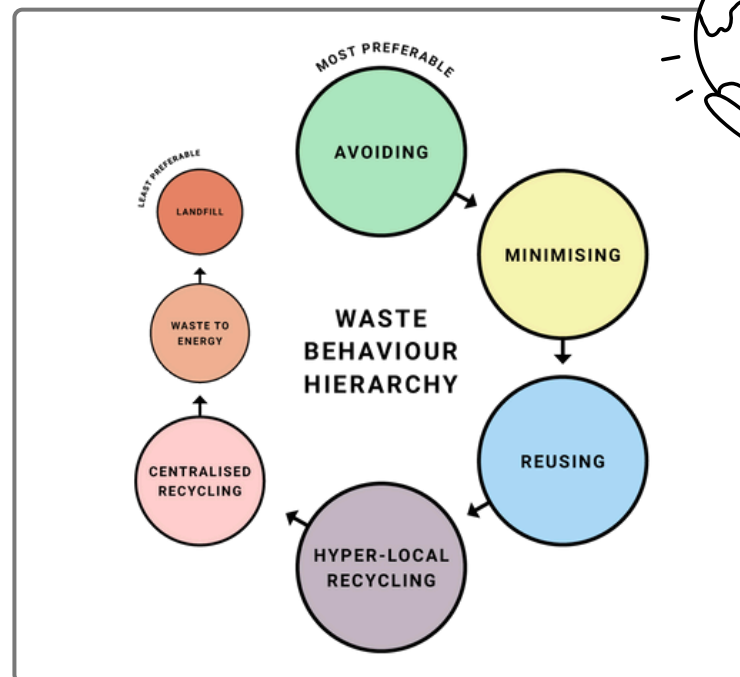
Landfills are overflowing and harming the environment, but did you know there are other ways to manage our resources?



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 Retail Businesses

1 AVOID BUYING NEW

We prioritise stocking products that avoid packaging. We ask our supplier to reduce excess packaging on products (e.g. one large plastic liner for a box, rather than individually wrapped clothing).

We prioritise refillable/reusable products. We have asked our distributor if they offer refillable products to avoid single use containers (e.g. Dr Planet refillable 20L soap containers).

We utilise second-hand products where possible. this enables us to avoid buying new when we can, for products such as hangers, mannequins, furniture.

2 MINIMISE WASTE

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

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 stock products that are made of reused / recycled materials. Some examples of this look like clothing made of recycled fabrics or printing paper made of recycled paper.

We incorporate repairs into our business. We provide repairs or collaborate with repair partners. We also repair our furniture, equipment and uniforms. For example, a phone store offers repairs for the models they sell or a clothing store that partners with a reuse organisation like *SisterWorks*.

Did you know?
In our recent survey, on average people thought that recycling was very important at work, yet, less than 10% of retail staff had heard of the term 'circular economy'!



4 RECYCLE

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

LANDFILL

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

