

# Aluminium Cans

Aluminium is made from an ore called Bauxite, which is mined from the earth. It takes 5 tonnes of bauxite to make one tonne of cans. Australia produces over 1 million tonnes of aluminium every year, which is about 8% of world production.

All aluminium cans are 100% recyclable and they can be recycled into cans and/or products such as car parts. Recycling aluminium saves energy because aluminium cans from recycled material requires less than 5% of the energy used to make aluminium cans from bauxite.

Recycling aluminium saves millions of tonnes of greenhouse gasses, tonnes of coal which would be needed to generate the electricity and less fuel to transport the various materials around the countryside.

## How can I help?

- > Make sure your aluminium cans are rinsed and empty
- > Don't put aluminium cans inside one another or inside other containers
- > If your containers recycling is separated from your paper/cardboard recycling make sure the aluminium cans go in with the containers
- > Other aluminium household items which are being discarded, such as cookware and building materials, can be taken to the nearest waste management facility for recycling
- > Contact your local council for details on local collections and facilities



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