



Reused Materials Fact Sheet

Great Reuse Ideas

In many areas of the Fagan Park Eco Garden we have reuse items and materials which otherwise would have been thrown away.

By reusing, we can avoid purchasing new items, save money and of course reduce what goes to landfill.

Look around and you will see some of our great reuse ideas;

- Tyres – these have been used to create a garden
- Pavers & Bricks – these have been used to create a herb spiral
- Fence Palings and old timber – these have been used to create a garden bed and used as stakes and signs
- Gates – both our garden bed gates are reused from kerbside
- Half wine barrel – used to create a garden bed
- Twine – used to hold the lucerne together and now ties the plants and stakes together
- Cupboards/Shelves/Tables/Chairs – all items would otherwise have gone to landfill
- Woodchip Mulch – this goes over our pathways and is from tree offcuts
- Pots – pots that seedlings come in can be reused for growing seed and seedlings
- Fallen Tree Trunks – have been sawn to create stepping logs
- Polystyrene Fruit Boxes – used for growing seedlings
- Clear Plastic Bags and Bottles – cut and used upside down over young seedlings
- Newspaper and Cardboard – wet down and layer in a no dig garden with compost and mulch
- Carpet – used to suppress weeds on pathways and then covered in mulch
- Corflute – used to create signs and tags in the garden
- Plants – some of our plants have been rescued and replanted





Reuse

To get started in your own garden;

- Look at what you have already at home that is unused
- Ask neighbours, friends and family whenever they are renovating, landscaping or moving
- Join your local freecycle web group
- Visit second hand shops and outlets like Reverse Garbage, The Bower and charity stores
- Check out the various online classifieds such as gumtree, ebay and trading post
- Visit closing down sales



Reusing is just one part of the three R's – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Reduce

We can reduce how often we buy something by buying in bulk and buying reasonable quality so that it has a longer life. It's also worth considering items with minimal packaging and produced locally. A good example is purchasing lucerne from a local supplier who has grown it and binds with twine and not plastic wrapping.

Recycle

It is important to know what items can be recycled and also look for and buy products that have been made from recycled materials. In fact some of our tables and chairs here in the Eco Garden have been made from recycled plastic bottles! Check them out to find out how many each one took.

If you would like more information about kerbside clean ups, recycling or other waste minimisation strategies, please contact the Hornsby Council Waste Hotline on 9847 4856.

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