

Why waste it?

Eggsellent ways to



your waste this Easter!



Although the aluminium foil and plastic wrappers on Easter eggs may look pretty, it's not so pretty when it comes to the impact it has on our environment through the energy and resources required to produce it. Also, most of it still ends up in landfill. So, let's **avoid, reduce and recycle** the foil and plastic packaging as well as **compost** food scraps this Easter.

Here are some ways you can do this:

Avoid & Reduce

- Make your own chocolate eggs in moulds
- Paint or dye boiled or wooden eggs as a fun activity to do with children.
- Bake your own hot cross buns and **avoid** the plastic bags they are packaged in. Or, purchase hot cross buns from a bakery and ask for them to be placed in a paper bag that can be recycled easily.
 - **Avoid** or **reduce** the number of small individually wrapped eggs that you purchase.
 - Pick the eggs with the least packaging.
 - Purchase fewer, larger chocolate eggs so that the foil can easily be balled together and recycled.
 - Look for alternatives such as fillable wooden eggs or cloth bags and fill them with package-free or homemade treats.
 - **Avoid** plastic wrapped, pre-packaged Easter baskets. Create your own gift basket with homemade chocolates or baked goodies instead.



Re-Use

- **Re-use** foil wrappers to make decorations and paintings.
- **Re-use** gift boxes, strawberry or tomato punnets to package eggs or other gifts.
- **Re-use** moulded plastic packaging for making your own chocolate eggs.



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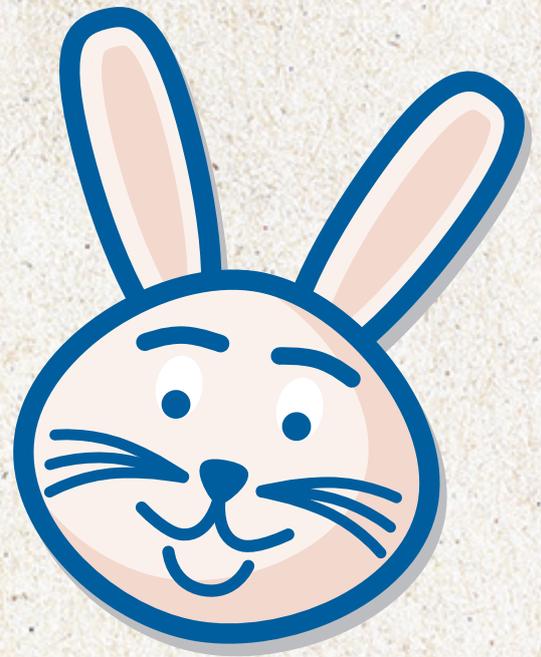
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Recycle

Did you know? Recycling aluminium saves 95% of the energy required to produce Aluminium from raw materials.



Thanks to the 10 cent refund, South Ozzie's are great at recycling aluminium cans, but did you know that **you can also recycle aluminium foil?**

- Scrunch up your aluminium foil wrappers into the size of a small fist or medium size Easter egg, then pop them in the yellow lidded **recycling** bin. Alternatively you can place smaller pieces into an aluminium drink can to contain them before placing it in the **recycle** bin. *Please don't place flat sheets or small pieces of aluminium loose in the recycling bin as they will get caught up in the paper and cause contamination issues.*
- **Recycle** the soft plastic bags that come with your hot cross buns. Soft plastics can be placed in the **REDcycle** and soft plastic **recycling** bins found at your local supermarket. *Please don't place soft plastic bags into your yellow lidded recycling bin as they cannot be recycled this way. They get caught up in the paper as well as in the machinery at the recycling facility.*
- **Recycle** the rigid moulded plastic containers (if you don't re-use them for making your own chocolates), along with the cardboard boxes and Easter cards, in the yellow lidded **recycling** bin.

Compost

- After your Easter feast is over, **compost your food scraps** in your green organics or home **compost** bin.
- Use natural fibre based straw or shredded paper as fillers for your Easter basket/boxes. This can then be **composted** after.
- Decorated boiled eggs or egg shells can also be **composted** in your green organics bin.



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