

# Waste Education



The EMRC has a selection of equipment packaged up in loan boxes ready for use. Schools and community groups can hire the activity loan boxes for up to three weeks. Hire is free of charge for schools and community groups in the Town of Bassendean, Cities of Bayswater, Kalamunda, Swan and the Shire of Mundaring.

## Current loan boxes available for hire include:

<p><b>Paper Making</b></p>  A photograph showing the components of a paper-making kit, including two yellow paper-making screens, a hand blender, and a wooden frame.	<p>Suitable for all ages, paper making highlights the process of recycling where something old is turned into something new.</p> <p>The paper making kit includes instructions, three paper making screens and a hand blender. You will need access to warm water, used paper (newspaper, egg cartons or shredded paper) and a place for the paper to dry.</p> <p>There are two kits available for loan.</p> <p>Upon request, a waste education officer can visit your class/community group to assist when making paper.</p>
<p><b>Mini Bin Waste Sort</b></p>  A photograph showing the Mini Bin Waste Sort kit, which includes miniature bins of various colors (red, green, yellow, blue) and sorting cards.	<p>The mini bin waste sort kit is suitable for year 2 to 5 and includes miniature bins of your council's bin system and sorting cards. The activity can be extended by the use of the waste hierarchy. The activity can be used to assess students' knowledge before or after a waste-related unit.</p> <p>This kit comes with two sets of bins and eight sets of sorting cards.</p>
<p><b>Natures recyclers</b></p>  A photograph showing the Natures recyclers kit, which includes magnifying glasses, gloves, compost, and worm farming activity ideas, posters, and story books.	<p>Nature is full of amazing decomposers. This kit is suitable for all ages and will enable your class to examine the 'bugs' found in compost bins and worm farms which play a vital role in recycling our organics. The kit contains magnifying glasses, some gloves, compost and worm farming activity ideas, posters and story books.</p> <p>An iScopeStand which turns a tablet into a microscope is also available to loan with the kit upon request.</p>
<p><b>Book Box</b></p>  A photograph showing the Book Box, which contains several story books related to waste and recycling, including 'Michael Recycle and the Tree Top Cops', 'The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle', 'The Adventures of a Steel Can', and 'The Wartville Wizard'.	<p>This box contains story books relating to waste and recycling. Books are suitable for primary school-aged children. Titles include Michael Recycle, The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle, The Adventures of a Steel Can and The Wartville Wizard to name a few. The box also contains recycling bingo and waste and ladders games.</p>
<p><b>Early Years Resource</b></p>  A photograph showing the Early Years Resource kit, which includes story books, rhymes about recycling and worm farming, teacher resources, and fact sheets on becoming a more waste-friendly service.	<p>This kit is suitable for early years learning centres and kindy classes. The kit contains story books, rhymes about recycling and worm farming, teacher resources and fact sheets on becoming a more waste-friendly service.</p> <p>Early Learning Centres are also welcome to hire other loan boxes as well.</p>

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## Waste Audit Loan Kit



Waste auditing is the first step in understanding what kinds of waste are being generated by your organisation and helps start conversations about what you can do to minimise or avoid waste.

Our Waste Audit Loan Kit aligns with the State Government's Waste Wise Schools Program. Schools are advised to conduct a waste audit every six months to track their progress. The Waste audit kit has also been used by community groups and businesses in the region.

## Plastic Not So Fantastic Loan Box



Filled with a variety of books, worksheets and hands-on activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Learn about the history and consequences of the global plastic problem as well as simple steps you can take to reduce your impact and live more sustainably.

This resource is great to tie in with Plastic free Term Three and we recommend borrowing our Waste Audit Kit before or after to help understand what type of wastes are being generated and to start conversations about what you can do to minimise or avoid waste.

## Party Loan Box



Reduce your plastic footprint and party sustainably with EMRC's party loan box. The kit includes 48 sets of kids plates, cups, cutlery and napkins. A 15L water cooler, cake slicer, serving platters, 2x 4.5m cloth bunting and a 'Happy Birthday' ground spike also included. Winter options can include a 15L Soup Pot and hot water urn.

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