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## Shire recycling streamlined

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Recycling in Cook Shire is now quicker and easier, with recycling skips and trailer now accepting unsorted recyclables.

Previously glass, plastic, aluminium and paper products had to be dumped into the separate marked compartments and if waste was mixed the whole amount had to be dumped into general waste, but Cook Shire Council has made the process easier. "People can now dump unsorted recyclables into any compartment in our recycling skips and trailers," Cook Shire Council Waste Management Coordinator Kristina Davidson said. "New signage will be installed on the skips, and the compartments will be removed, also allowing more room."

Paper and cardboard such as newspapers, magazines, junk mail and wrapping paper; aluminium and steel cans, including aerosol cans such as hair and insect spray; all glass bottles and jars, not including glassware or window glass; and type 1 to 6 plastic bottles and containers can be recycled free at any recycling skip, trailer, or waste transfer station. Recyclables must be placed in the skip loose, as bagged recyclables will not be accepted. The recyclables are then sent to Cairns Material Recovery Facility for sorting and baling. If you would like to recycle cans through the Endeavour Lions Club, please contact the club directly for more information.

Businesses that produce bulk cardboard and paper waste are encouraged to take it directly to their nearest waste transfer station, where it can be decontaminated and mulched with green waste, to further reduce costs of transportation to Cairns.

"Removing the compartments also means the skips don't need emptying as regularly, as previously they were emptied when any one compartment became full," Ms Davidson said. "This means less wear and tear on the skips, and better efficiency and cost cutting for our waste management." Since 2015, Council has sent almost 400 tons of recyclables to the Cairns Material Recovery Facility.

For more information contact Council's Waste Management team via email at [mail@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@cook.qld.gov.au) or phone on 4069 5444.

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