

# Fyansford Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre

Fyansford waste disposal and recycling centre has welcomed a new era of resource recovery and embraced the challenge of diverting as much as possible from the materials that get deposited to the landfill. Venturing past the humble gatehouse it quickly becomes apparent that there is more to this facility than initially meets the eye.

Greenwaste is stockpiled to be chipped, mulched and composted, before it is loaded back into householder's trailers to be spread on their gardens. Bulky tree trunks and waste timber is chipped into mulch. Timber is also stacked at the front gate for the local community to come and collect as free firewood.

Waste concrete is stockpiled and crushed into two grades of recycle concrete gravel- a course 40mm grade and a finer 20mm grade. This gravel is commercial available to both the industrial and domestic market. The concrete is pulled out of the tip face, it is also dropped directly as clean loads- over 200 tonnes is recovered and crushed weekly.

There is a small compound set up to take car batteries, old gas cylinders, tyres, and waste motor oil- all of which are recycled. Mattresses can also be dropped off and are stripped to recover the springs.

The loader that works the tip face is equipped with a special magnet to recover any steel that is deposited. Rigid plastics are also recovered from the tip face and stockpiled for recycling through a local plastics recycling facility.

The Fyansford landfill is one of the few in the region that is licensed to accept asbestos. Domestic and industrial asbestos waste needs to be double wrapped prior to being brought to the facility. A special cell has been built at the site to take this hazardous waste.



The concrete crushing plant at the Fyansford site

The landfill has an expected life of 10-15 years and the recovery centre plays a critical role in servicing Geelong's western suburbs. For more information on the services available at the site, tipping fees, and costs of mulch and gravel contact the site office on 5224 2251.

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