

Household Chemicals



City of
Newcastle

Household chemicals should not be placed in kerbside bins or poured down drains. Free services are available for their safe and environmentally responsible disposal.

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs)

CRCs are permanent drop-off facilities for common household chemicals, such as paint, oil and gas bottles. They are open year-round to all NSW householders, free of charge.

The Summerhill CRC is located within the Summerhill Waste Management Centre at Wallsend and is open daily during regular operating hours.

You can drop off these items every day at the Summerhill CRC:



Paint



Motor and other oils



Gas bottles and fire extinguishers



Household and car batteries



Smoke detectors



Fluoro globes and tubes

Household Chemical CleanOut

Chemical CleanOut events are held twice each year in Newcastle and at other times across the State. They are free of charge to all NSW householders.

At a CleanOut event, you can dispose of the same items accepted every day at the Summerhill CRC (left), plus a range of additional chemical products.

You can drop off the items accepted at the Summerhill CRC (left), PLUS:



Household cleaners



Motor fluids and fuels



Poisons



Garden chemicals



Pool chemicals



Hobby chemicals







For details on CRCs, visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/crc or call **4974 2000**.

For CleanOut, visit cleanout.com.au or call **131 555**.

Community Recycling Stations

Community Recycling Stations provide a free drop-off point for small, non-liquid problem wastes. The stations are located inside several community facilities and are accessible during normal opening hours.

You can drop off household quantities of the items shown at these local facilities.

	 Household batteries	 Eye glasses	 Fluoro globes (no tubes)	 Ink cartridges	 Mobile phones	 X-rays
12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West	-		-		-	-
Beresfield & Stockton Library	-		-	-	-	
Newcastle City Library	-		-	-	-	
New Lambton & Wallsend Library	-				-	
Newcastle Museum	-				-	
Summerhill Waste Management Centre						

Community Recycling Centres, Household Chemical CleanOut, and Community Recycling Stations are a NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

How much can I dispose of?

Only household quantities (up to 20-litres or 20-kilograms) of each item are accepted at CleanOut events and CRCs. An exception is made for paint at CleanOut events, where up to 100-litres (in 20-litre containers) is permitted.

Community Recycling Stations are small cabinets designed for residents to drop off small quantities of items, such as a handful of batteries or up to 20 X-rays per visit. Larger quantities can be taken to Summerhill Waste Management Centre.

Can businesses use the services too?

Business-related and commercial quantities of chemicals are not accepted at the services outlined in this flyer. Please enquire with a commercial waste operator or visit businessrecycling.com.au for disposal options.

Safe handling

- **Never mix chemicals** as this may produce dangerous reactions.
- Wherever possible, keep all chemicals in their **original containers**.
- Ensure containers are **clearly labelled** and **well-sealed**. If you do not know the contents, label the container 'unknown chemical'.
- Liquid can leak during transport: wrap containers securely in newspaper, place in sturdy plastic bags and then in plastic buckets or trays.
- Keep household chemicals away from passengers, for example, by placing them in the boot of your car.



Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at the Summerhill CRC (no sandals or thongs).

Find out more



Household Chemical CleanOut	Call the Environment Line 131 555 Visit cleanout.com.au
Summerhill Community Recycling Centre	See location and hours right Call 4974 2000 Visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/crc
Community Recycling Stations	Call 4974 2000 Visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/crs
Business chemicals	Visit businessrecycling.com.au (Note: Disposal fees may apply)

Summerhill Waste Management Centre

Summerhill Road (off Minmi Road), Wallsend

Operating hours

Weekdays	7.30am–4.45pm
Weekends/public holidays*	9am–2.45pm

*Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Office hours

Weekdays (Call 4974 2000)	8.30am–4pm
Weekends/public holidays	Closed

For general enquiries, call **4974 2000** 8am–5pm Monday–Friday (excl. public holidays) or visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au