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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Please punt plastic pollution!

World Environment Day is once again a stark reminder of the devastating effects that plastic waste has on our natural environment. A message reinforced in this year's campaign '#BeatPlasticPollution'.

A mind-blowing 400 million tonnes of plastic is produced across the globe every year, half of which is intended to be used only once. But what most of us are not aware of is that an estimated 19-23 million tonnes ends up in our lakes, rivers and oceans.

Our Council has been leading the way in the phasing out of such single use plastics. In 2018, we committed to a staged phase out of plastics in all of our facilities and events.

We know that many of you are behind us in these efforts and have embraced recycling. But despite a number of education campaigns, I'm alarmed to learn that some people still aren't recycling correctly.

The most common items mistakenly "recycled" are soft plastics, and a prime example is when people put all of their recyclables into a plastic bag

before placing it in the yellow bin. When this happens, the whole bag ends up in landfill.

Punt the plastic! Put your recyclables in a cardboard box instead, or collect them in a container and just tip them into the yellow bin - they don't need to be wrapped.

As for electronic waste, the safe way to recycle this is to take advantage of our free drop-off event this **Saturday 10 May**.

I encourage you to clear out your cupboards and bring your old TVs, cameras, phones, hand tools and more to Council's e-waste collection, and they might even be recycled into a variety of useful products.

I'm clearing out my garage and collecting my old electronic items to drop off this weekend! For more information, and for a full list of items that can be collected, visit **cb.city/Ewaste**



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