

WASTE MARKETS

WHAT WE DO

Development and operation of Cape Town's Waste Recyclers' Map

The waste recyclers' map is an online tool to connect residents and businesses with private waste management services in Cape Town. Any accredited waste management company offering recycling or other waste minimization services can register on the recyclers' map free of charge by:

1. Emailing re.cycling@capetown.gov.za or obtaining the registration form from www.capetown.gov.za;
2. Completing and submitting the form for inclusion.

The map also allows Cape Town residents:

- To check whether the City's kerbside recycling programme - Think Twice, is offered in your area, and to find the contact details of the relevant service provider;
- To search for accredited private recycling service providers in your suburb (whether you are a resident or business), including recycling drop offs, buy-back centres or collectors and their contact details;
- To shop around for the service which suits your requirements best.

Assistance for small/medium waste management businesses

The Business Hub, a City of Cape Town Enterprise and Investment initiative, provides information and support to small,

medium or micro enterprises (SMMEs), or entrepreneurs planning to start or grow a business, including those in the recycling and related sectors.

Contact the Business Hub at 021 417 4043 and Business.Support@capetown.gov.za

Home Composting Programme

Whenever funding is available, the City distributes free home composting containers to help residents reduce organic household waste by turning it into compost for the garden

Please continue to check the home composting page on our website for the latest information on distribution dates and venues. There are also handy guides on composting available on this page for those who would like to get started on their own. capetown.gov.za



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Engagement and coordination with Producer Responsibility Organizations

Since 2021, producers of paper and packaging waste, electronic waste and lighting waste have been required, by law, to take more responsibility for recycling the waste they produce. Many of these producers have become members of Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs), who use industry funding to implement and co-ordinate these recycling efforts.

Urban Waste Management is engaging with these PROs, exploring ways to support and partner with each other, in the joint goal of increasing waste diversion from landfill and into the recycling industry. Sharing the PROs contact details below is one way the City supports and highlights the good work they are doing.

One way that PROs utilise the membership fees received is via support of relevant recycling initiatives which meet their recycling targets. A recycling initiative could be for example, a local SMME which collects and sorts recyclables, or a recycling collection centre at a school.

Explore PRO support for your local recycling initiative by contacting one of the PROs listed at the bottom of this page. capetown.gov.za



Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Programme (WISP)

WISP is an industrial symbiosis programme for business and industry to exchange unused or underutilized materials that would otherwise end up as waste. It includes facilitation of waste exchange synergies with other businesses and is implemented by GreenCape on behalf of the City.

Businesses can find out more here, where there is also a link to contact the WISP team.



Further general information on recycling can be found here:



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