

Zero Waste Rebate Program

Guidelines 2021-2022

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The City of Whittlesea recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional owners of this place.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Waste & Recycling Unit

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Website: www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/grants

What is the Zero Waste Rebate Program?

The Zero Waste Rebate program is an action item in the [Rethinking Waste Plan 2021-2030](#), which outlines our goal to transition to a low waste city. It is one of several action items that will support our community to become leaders in clean, sustainable living. As part of the rebate program, residents will be able to claim a rebate on the purchase price of reusable nappies, reusable sanitary products, or composting materials.

Why is Council providing this rebate program?

The Zero Waste Rebate Program will encourage residents to trial reusable items at home. Investing in reusable items is a great way to reduce household rubbish. It can also save on costs in the long term. Parents can expect to save up to \$2000 per child when switching to reusable nappies.

Key dates

Applications open	March 2022
Applications close	Until funds are exhausted
Applicants notified of outcome	Allow up to 4 weeks

Eligibility criteria

- All households in the City of Whittlesea are eligible for one rebate from one of the categories below.
- You must live in the City of Whittlesea and any products purchased must be used at this address. Applicants will be required to provide proof of residency
- Applicants are required to provide proof of purchase
- Rebates are only for:
 - Products listed below. Postage and other fees are not included.
 - 50% of what you spent on products, up to the limits listed below (e.g., if you spent \$80 on a worm farm, you may be eligible for a rebate of \$40)
- All rebates will be processed through direct bank transfer
- You must apply for a rebate within 60 days of making your purchase. The receipt must be legible and in Australian dollars.
- For online orders, proof of how much you spent is required. If your invoice does not show this, you should provide other evidence of the cost (e.g., screenshot from the website).
- This program will run until funds are exhausted. Please visit [Council's Zero Waste Rebate webpage](#) to find out if a rebate category is nearing its funding allocation.

What you can claim a rebate for

Category	Items included in category	Rebate amount (what you can claim back)
Composting tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compost bin • Worm farm • Bokashi bin • Worms/blanket • Bokashi mix or liquid • Compost aerator 	50% of the cost, up to \$50
Reusable sanitary items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable sanitary pads • Reusable sanitary cups • Leak-proof underwear • Incontinence washable clothing • Incontinence washable bed or chair pads • Wet bags for reusable sanitary items 	50% of the cost, up to \$50
Reusable nappy items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth nappies • Reusable swim nappies • Reusable liners for nappies • Reusable baby wipes • Wet bags for reusable nappies • Reusable nursing pads 	50% of the cost, up to \$100

What you cannot claim a rebate for

- Postage and other fees
- Commercial equipment
- Items that are not been listed above

Assessment Process

1. All applications will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria (page 4)
2. All applications will be reviewed in chronological order from the time of submission
3. Eligible applications will be submitted to Council's Senior Waste Services Officer/Manager Sustainable Environment for approval.
4. Applicants will be advised of their outcome within 4 weeks of submission.

How to apply

Online Form

Applications for the Zero Waste Rebate are submitted online at <https://whittlesea.smartygrants.com.au>

To apply online you will need an email address. If you cannot access the internet or require printed forms, please contact the Waste and Recycling Unit (details on page 2).

Please Note: applications will only be accepted online. If you cannot access the internet or require printed forms, contact the Waste and Recycling Unit. Emails or paper forms sent to Council offices via Auspost will not be considered.

More information

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