

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

Tips for reducing waste going to landfill in Seychelles

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Seychelles' landfills are running out of space with all of the rubbish generated from our homes, businesses and schools. Here are a few ideas from Sustainability for Seychelles of what we can all do at home, at school and at work to reduce, re-use and recycle waste, and help divert it from landfills. Remember, out of the three R's, recycling is the last option as it requires a lot of energy and water – so as much as possible focus on strategies to reduce and re-use waste materials.: **Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle.**

ORGANIC WASTE

Kitchen scraps such as vegetable and fruit peels, as well as garden waste such as grass, leaves and twigs. Leftover meals can be consumed the next day, fed to pets, or donated to local farms for animal feed. **Pet Heaven**, which can be reached at **2791119** or **SSPCA (2710088)**, also accepts leftover food to feed dogs. **Visit our website* to download a copy of the Seychelles Composting Guide or visit the compost educational display in the Botanical Gardens (near the maintenance building).**



PAPER PRODUCT/ EGG TRAYS



Navin's Paper Recycling Centre (2717170) accepts all forms of paper products as donations. You must bring them to the warehouse at Providence (near the desalination plant). Clean magazines, cardboard, and cereal boxes can be donated to your local school or crèche, but make sure they are in need first. **Golden Eggs** at Anse Royale also accepts egg trays for re-use (**437261**).

PET BOTTLES AND ALUMINUM CANS

Local PET bottles and Aluminum drink cans can also be sold for a small refund of 50 cent at the six designated redeem Centre.

Harini and Co Pty Ltd (2523355) at Providence.

Victoria, Lodge Street Redeem center and Eve Island Praslin Redeem Center at **Mr Senthil kumar (2793783)**.

Anse Royale Redeem Center at **Mr Franky Baccas (2783973)**.

Mr Donal Ernesta (2514892/2519103) can be contacted for St. Louis, and La Digue Redeem Center.

If this is too much trouble, you can simply sort them into a separate clear bag and place it next to a public bin or dropping them into one of the new combined PET/CAN blue recycle bins around in Victoria and some communities.



BOOKS

Used children's books can be donated to the **President Village** at Port Glaud or another nearby orphanage on Mahe (**4378393**), or they can be donated to your local school library.



COOKING OIL

Recoil Seychelles (2500407) or email: recoilseychelles@gmail.com can recycle waste Oil. Oil can be collected at no cost or can be delivered to landfills. * **make sure that the oil is stored properly in a container.**



CAR BATTERIES

Batteries are extremely toxic to the environment and need to be discarded correctly but at present Seychelles only has facilities to export car batteries. **Surya Enterprise (2511329/4373934)** accept car in which they collect car batteries for different prices ranging from Rs.15 to Rs.40 depending on the size of the battery, or **Rush Metal (2577661/2816363, rushmetalsesel@gmail.com)** on Mahe only.



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GLASS WASTE

Seybrew beer bottles can be redeemed for SCR2 at any retailer that sells them. The **Stub Enterprise Pty Ltd (2849393)** recycled used **Takamaka bay bottles** at SCR5 per bottle that have Seychelles engraving on the sides (seycoffee@gmx.de). Other glass products, such as jars and other glass materials, can be delivered to the **SeyGlass Recycling center** at Anse Royal, but be sure to remove all label before depositing them; they can be reached at 2717154 or 4376952 (seyglass@seychelles.net). Clean glass bottles and jars can also be donated for re-use at **Rogan Construction's** workshop along Petite Anse Road, Mahe (rogan@seychelles.sc). **Mr George Toussaint (2526220)** also redeemed local tomato sauce bottles at SCR1 at Bois de Rose. Imported glass bottles e.g. wine and spirit can be redeemed at the following **redeemed centre** at SCR2 ***Members of the public are advice to book for an appointment (date and time) before turning up.**



INK CARTRIDGES

Return your used printer ink cartridges to the **Ink Doctor** (sales@inkdoc.sc Tel: 2516266 / 4374007), or to **Eco Print** (tel. 252-5533). You can also buy recycled filled cartridges from the Ink Doctor shop.



USED CAR TYRES

There is currently no effective means to dispose of old tyres. However, you can attempt a few recycling ideas, such as building a swing for kids out of a tire hung from a tree branch or any other design that is suitable for a playing field. Alternatively you can try decorating your yard with tire flowers (but don't grow food in them).



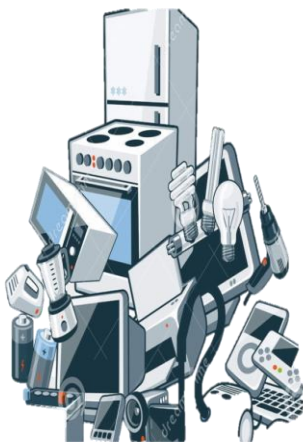
USED CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLDS GOOS

Caritas Seychelles Foundation (4323270) accepts clean clothing, bedsheets, towels, cooking equipment, toys, and other household items in good condition. **Les li Vivre Foundation** accepts donations of second-hand baby clothes and other items such as toys and towels (4323535). **SSPCA (2710088)** also accept generous donation of second hand towels or blankets and other household equipment that could be used at the shelter. **The Red Cross Society of Seychelles (4374544)** accepts donations on Mahe, Praslin and La Digue for redistribution to families in need. Used clothing (especially old jeans) and fabric scraps, buttons, zips and accessories can be donated to the **Seychelles Institute of Art and Design (SIAD) (4373354)** or at the **Montagne Posée Prison** for their recycling / fashion projects. Otherwise, try your local schools and churches to see if they re-use used clothing pieces as rags or craft materials.



ELECTRONIC WASTE

Samlo & Son collects and exports these products for recycling (2831353, samloseychelles@gmail.com). **Techzone (2719222)** can repair computers, laptops, and mobile phones that are still in good working order. Broken and unusable mobile phones can be donated for recycling at the **S4S office, Fairmart Trading,** and the **Green Islands Foundation.**



SCRAP METAL

There are several scrap metal companies who export it for recycling on Mahe. In most cases, you will need to bring your old tins, washing machine or even old cars to Providence, but if you have large quantities they may collect it, and some even pay you. For more information, contact **Surya Enterprise (2511329/ 4373934)** **Rush Metal (2577661/2816363)** rushmetasesel@gmail.com, **Cut All (2514479)** or **Samlo & Sons (283-1353)**. For Praslin and La Digue, the landfill deals with scrap metal for now.