



RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



WORKING TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Kids Gourmet Food is always looking for better ways to ensure sustainability works for our business. We are making positive choices to limit our impact on the environment. Recycling enables us to cut unnecessary wastage and costs, and in turn, encourage a culture of sustainability amongst staff and customers to benefit our future generations. At KGF we follow the waste hierarchy and ask the question, how can we **avoid, reduce, reuse or recycle**.



AVOID

WE ASK: DO WE NEED IT?

FOOD WASTE

To avoid food waste, we ensure produce from our suppliers is in good condition and that we have not over-ordered. We order fresh fruit and vegetables without excess packaging to reduce landfill. Our fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered direct from the produce markets in bulk quantities. This packaging is minimal and 100% recyclable.

Excess food production is donated to Oz Harvest and Grace City Care.

PAPER WASTE

We have moved to paperless systems such as electronic messaging, limiting what we print in-house and sending computer generated notices to our centres. Online documents such as menus are also available which minimises the need for printing.



REDUCE

WE ASK: DO WE NEED SO MUCH?

FOOD

We store perishable items immediately in refrigerated or frozen storage to maintain food safety, quality and reduce wastage. We order food from local suppliers that deliver fresh produce when needed. Buying locally reduces travel time which helps to reduce transport emissions.

PACKAGING

As we order ingredients in bulk, the products we use to produce our meals arrive with minimal packaging. Fruit, vegetables, meat, pasta, rice etc. have minimal packaging which we ensure is recycled appropriately.



REUSE

WE ASK: CAN WE USE IT AGAIN?

ICE SHEETS

Our ice sheets are reusable. Please put them aside for your KGF driver to collect and return to us. We will wash, sanitise and re-freeze the sheets for use again.

Please note these ice sheets are for food use only.



RECYCLE

WE ASK: CAN SOMEONE ELSE USE IT OR TURN IT INTO A NEW PRODUCT?

We diligently recycle our cardboard, paper, tins and cans, plastic bottles, and containers.

ABOUT OUR PACKAGING

BLACK FOOD TRAYS

These are made from CPET and can be recycled after being washed. They are single use for food items however could be used by your centre for storage or craft projects after washing.

ALLERGY MEAL TRAYS

These are made from sugar cane and are more than 80% compostable, certified by OK Compost Home.

PUREE CONTAINERS

These are all recyclable. We package the baby purees using varying sizes depending on the number of babies being fed each day (ie. one container for 5 babies).

PLASTIC FOOD POUCHES

The bags we use for our food are cut to the exact size required and sealed without off cuts or wastage. The food remains in the bag throughout the heating process, saving excess dishes, water for washing and time. Single serve packaging is necessary to meet food hygiene requirements.

LINER BAGS

These are categorised as a soft plastic; soft plastics are 100% recyclable.

METAL TINS & CANS

We recycle all metals from goods we use in our food preparation.

CARDBOARD & PAPER

All cardboard and paper waste is collected daily and sent to a recycling facility. During 2021 we stopped using plix foam trays for the packaging of muffins and bread items. These food items are now packaged in cardboard trays which are 100% recyclable.

RECYCLING GUIDE FOR CENTERS

See below for recycling classifications for plastics, and the recycling and reuse information for each type:

#1 – PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)

#2 – HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene)

#5 – PP (Polypropylene)

Please note that recycling policies do vary depending on your local area.



PETE

BLACK FOOD TRAYS

Appropriate for centres to recycle in co-mingle recycling



HDPE

PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE BAGS

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PP

ALLERGY & BABY FOOD CONTAINERS

Appropriate for centres to recycle in co-mingle recycling