



Sustainable and recycled materials

Hard Materials:

Hard Materials such as timber, river pebbles and sand can cause harm to the environment if they are sourced unsustainably. By using sustainable alternatives you can ensure that your garden is not depleting valuable ecosystems. Be sure to ask whether the product you are interested in comes from a sustainable source.

Sustainable Labels:

To help consumers identify products that are produced in a sustainable way a number of labels are now readily used on participating products. These include:

The Good Environmental Choice Label: Is a voluntary label program that helps identify timber products that have come from approved reclaimed, salvaged and recycled resources. They have partners in the United States, Asia and are part of the Global Ecolabelling network.



Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC): An international label that recognises products that incorporate the growth of responsible forest practices.



Recyclable Packaging

Choose products that once used can be recycled. The Banyule Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) can presently recycle: Paper and cardboard (not waxed), glass, aluminium and steel containers and plastic codes 1 - 7.

Many items in and around the home can also be easily turned into useful tools in the garden. Reusing materials and using recycled products will also minimise the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

ITEM	USE
Soft drink bottles and AGI pipe	Deep Watering system (page 12) Aerating compost (page 9)
Glass Bottles	Fill with water to drown snails
Ice Cream Punnets	Catching rain water for garden
Old Stockings	Tying plants to stakes
Unwanted CD's	Hung with string their reflection acts as a bird deterrent
Cardboard and woollen carpet	Weed mat

Replenish Garden

The Replenish Garden at the Banyule Operations Centre demonstrates the importance of waste minimisation and resource conservation and recovery in achieving environmental sustainability. Almost everything is from recycled sources from wall structures to board walks to mulches. To view the Replenish Garden please contact: Maree Pollard 03 9490 4532, or visit www.rethink.vic.gov.au to download a list of recycled product suppliers.

Suppliers of recycled products used at the Replenish Garden:

Replas Vic 27 Titan Drive Carrum Downs 3021 Phone: (03) 9770 8390 Fax: (03) 9770 8490 e-mail info@replas.com.au Web: www.replas.com.au	Decor Stone Recycled glass mulch 84-90 Highbury Rd Burwood VIC 3125 Phone: 03 9888 9888 e-mail sales@decorstone.com.au Web: www.decorstone.com.au	Rubber Tough Recycled rubber tyre mulch and paving PO Box 616 Warragul VIC 3820 Phone: 1800 060 072 Fax: 03 5622 1768 e-mail brett@rubbertough.com.au Web: www.rubbertough.com.au
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For more information regarding sustainable suppliers please visit:

ECOBUY:	www.ecobuy.org.au	Created to encourage the purchasing of green products in Australia.
THE GLOBAL ECOLABLING NETWORK	http://www.gen.gr.jp	Develops the "ecolabelling" of products and services internationally
ECOSPECIFIER:	http://www.ecospecifier.org/	Lists Australian sustainable and healthy material sources
FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL	www.fsc.org/	Their label helps consumers to identify sustainable products worldwide.
GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE LTD.	http://www.aela.org.au	Governs the Good Environmental Choice label and much more.

