

GENERAL WASTE

OH BABY!

Making room for those nappies.



Did You Know?

A Community Nappy Trial conducted by Lake Macquarie City Council showed that odour of bins containing nappies at the end of a fortnight were no worse than the odour of regular general waste bins at the end of the week. Furthermore, the trial showed that odour does not significantly increase with time, or with the number of nappies in the bin.

With the red lidded garbage bins being collected fortnightly, here are some tips for dealing with disposable nappies.



Using cloth nappies can cut your household waste generation by 50%.

When we say cloth nappies, old fashioned terry cloth square nappies probably spring to mind. Well those days are gone! They are now made from modern materials such as naturally antibacterial bamboo cotton, and micro fleece which not only keeps baby's skin dry, but is stain resistant too.

It's very easy to get caught up in all the reasons why families shouldn't use cloth nappies, but have you

considered the real benefits of using 'modern cloth nappies' to both your family and the environment?

TIPS TO REDUCE ODOUR

Suggestions that can help reduce the smell from nappies being in the red lidded garbage bin include:

- ✓ Wrap the nappy into itself using the tabs.
- ✓ Seal nappies tightly in plastic bags (we suggest double bagging or scented bags) before placing in the garbage bin.
- ✓ Store the garbage bin in the shade and out of direct sunlight if possible.
- ✓ Make sure your garbage bin lid closes properly and there are no cracks in the bin sides. If your bin is broken or cracked, contact your local council.
- ✓ Consider using general odour neutralizing products in your bin, including bicarbonate of soda, odour control pads & scented spray.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Every disposable nappy ever put in the garbage bin still exists today as they take centuries to break down.

While there are compostable nappies on the market, the current organics composting service does not accept ANY nappies, so they all must be disposed of in the red lidded garbage bin.

Disposable nappies not only generate 60 times more waste than modern cloth nappies, they also use:

- large volumes of water and energy during production
- eight times more non-renewable raw materials (plastics and crude oil)
- 90 times more renewable materials (paper pulp) than modern cloth nappies!

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