

Media Release

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15c straight back into your pocket

Alice Springs residents can now get more bang for their buck when they recycle glass wine and spirit bottles at the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Alice Springs Town Council and the Northern Territory Government have partnered to increase the refund on wine and spirit bottles to 15c a bottle, up from 10c effective from today.

The initiative aims to help keep bottles out of our landfill and remove litter across the town by incentivising individuals to bring them to the Regional Waste Management Facility.

"We are thrilled to offer this increased refund to our residents. It's a small change that can make a big difference in encouraging recycling and reducing waste in Alice Springs," Mayor Matt Paterson said.

"By increasing the refund for bottle returns, we aim not only to boost recycling rates but also to significantly reduce litter in our public spaces. Keeping our community clean and litter-free is a priority, and this initiative is a step forward in achieving that goal."

The increase in the refund is made possible through grant funding from the Northern Territory Government.

"This is a great environmental initiative that will encourage locals to recycle glass containers and that's why the Territory Labor Government has come on board to assist the Alice Springs Town Council with associated costs," NT Government spokesperson Chansey Paech said.

"I commend the Alice Springs Town Council for introducing this measure because resource recovery, recycling, and reprocessing are important steps towards better management of our waste products and, ultimately, a cleaner, greener planet."

Residents can take advantage of the increased refund by returning their wine and spirit bottles to the Regional Waste Management Facility from 9:30am-2:30pm every Saturday. A maximum of 500 wine and/or spirit bottles can be claimed per person per transaction.

For more information about the increased bottle refund and recycling programs in Alice Springs, please visit alicesprings.nt.gov.au/community/waste-recycling or contact the Council's Environmental Services Department.

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