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Give your waste a second chance

ABC declared a War on Waste with their recent television series, and Ballina Shire Council has also been doing their bit to make a difference.

To reduce waste going to landfill, Council is delivering free resource recovery satchels to homes across the shire. The satchels can be used to recycle a range of household items that require specialist recycling, such as batteries, printer cartridges, mobile phones and X-rays.

“Batteries are one of the most common forms of problem household waste but once landfilled they leach toxic chemicals. What a lot of people don’t know is putting items like these in the wrong bin can contaminate the whole bin,” said Ms Christine Pitman, Council’s Strategic Waste Management Officer.

“The best thing about these satchels is how simple they are to use. You just fill it up, seal it and place it in your recycling bin,” explains Ms Pitman.

Thanks to grant funding from NSW Environment Protection Authority, Ballina Shire Council is delivering a resource recovery satchel to all urban homes across Ballina Shire.

These common household items can be recycled using the resource recovery satchel:

- Household batteries (place in plastic bag)
- CDs and DVDs
- Reading glasses
- Mobile phones and accessories
- Smoke detectors
- Electrical cords
- Printer cartridges (place in plastic bag)
- Wine corks
- X-rays

Extra satchels are available free of charge from Council’s Customer Service Centre, 40 Cherry Street, shire libraries in Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head and the Waste Management Centre on Southern Cross Drive.

This initiative was funded by the NSW EPA under the Better Waste Recycling Fund.

For further information, call Council on 6686 4444 or visit ballina.nsw.gov.au (search waste recovery satchel).

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Images: Ballina Shire Local, Lainey using her resource recovery satchel to get rid of household items.

