Caring for your Wheelie Bin

Exmouth is a great place to live and is surrounded by a beautifully unique environment. One area which greatly impacts on the environment is litter, especially from our wheelie bins. Below are some tips to help you make sure your bin keeps the environment safe, doesn't impact on anyone else and costing you in penalties.

- Wrap any meat waste in newspaper and place in the freezer then place in it the bin on your bin emptying day. This will reduce odours and flies breeding in the bin.
- Double wrap nappies in newspaper or nappy bags before throwing them in the bin.
- Never place harmful substances such as chemicals, solvents, used engine oils, paints etc in your rubbish bins.
- Make sure the bin can be fully closed as our cheeky wildlife will get into the bin and create a mess for you to clean up.
- Try starting a compost pile for all your scrap vegies and fruit, this will reduce the amount of rubbish going into your bin and reduce odours.
- Avoid placing foodscraps lawn clippings and prunings in your bin, a compost bin or worm farm loves this type of waste.
- If possible store your bin in a shaded area.
- If your bin lid or wheels need replacing then please contact the Shire Depot 9949 3080, these items can be purchased for less than $20. Additionally if you need a replacement bin please contact the Shire Administration 9949 3000. These costs are far better than paying $300 worth of infringements which may be issued if your bin is in a state of disrepair.
- The Shire offer a 30% rebate off the purchase price for a fly and vermin proof compost bins and worm farms when proof of local purchase is produced.

There is a requirement under the Shire of Exmouth Health Local Laws 1998 to ensure your bin doesn't become a nuisance or odorous, the penalty for this is a $100 fine for first offence. In addition to this if your bin is overflowing and has spread rubbish down the street you can be fined $200 for littering under the Litter Act 1979. It pays to do the right thing!