

Cleaning Up

The Steps Campground does not have a live-in caretaker, so it's expected that guests take some responsibility for cleaning up after themselves and keeping it clean for their fellow campers. If everyone makes a little effort, everyone will have a better time, so with many thanks in advance, here's the deal.....

Toilets and showers:

The amenities block has regular scheduled cleaning but like your mother said "this doesn't mean you can forget about cleaning up after yourself." So after you have used the showers or toilets, it's your responsibility to give them a quick once-over...

- *Muddy foot prints?* Please mop them clean
- *Puddles of water?* Mop them too.
- *Paper towels on floor?* Pick them up before you leave.
- *Skid marks?* The next person doesn't want to see yours, so a quick brush is much appreciated, thank you very much.

The secret to happiness here is: **Leave it as you would like to find it.**

NB. Children should not use the amenities block unsupervised unless you have given them strict instructions about cleaning up after themselves. This may be the perfect opportunity to introduce them to a lifelong appreciation of the mop or toilet brush.

Recycling Rubbish:

Experienced campers who care for the environment (yes, that you) always bring two garbage bags with their camping kit: one for recyclables and one for non-recyclable general rubbish. Sort your waste as you go (it's so much easier). Please don't leave food scraps out for wildlife as it ruins their foraging instinct and cause squabbles, just like kids.

At the end of your stay, put the appropriate general rubbish into the general rubbish bin, and empty your recyclables into the appropriate bin but put the plastic bag in the general rubbish bin. (Too easy, isn't it?)

There are bins near the amenities block for recyclables and for general rubbish. In peak periods these will be distributed around the campground to save you the walk. If you sort your waste as you go, you won't feel a thing and the world will be a better place too. General rubbish ends up as landfill at the local tip, slowly burying the Gloucester valley and creating methane that chokes the planet. Unsorted waste is worse, because all those bottles, tins and plastics could have found a new home but instead they are buried with all those things you wouldn't show your mother. Recycling will save you a spot in heaven, so be an angel and recycle please.

And if you want an extra golden halo or extra fluffy angel wings, you could help us out by taking all your rubbish with you: the Gloucester tip is located at 385 Thunderbolts Way, halfway between Barrington village and Gloucester. You have to drive past it anyway and while you're there have a snoop around the new **Gloucester Tip Shop** for pre-loved stuff that you didn't know you needed until you saw it. Dropping recyclables to the tip is free (and yes, they love co-mingled). Tip hours are Tuesday to Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday to Sunday 10am-4pm. Strangely not open on Mondays at all.