

BERGRIVIER BULLETIN

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Reservoir onder konstruksie: Die bou van 'n splinternuwe 4ML-reservoir in Piketberg is 80% voltooid. Dit is Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se grootste en duurste kapitaal projek vir die 2023/2024 finansiële jaar. Na voltooiing van hierdie projek kan inwoners van Piketberg verseker wees van die langtermyn voorsiening van voldoende drinkwater. Ons dien met trots in Bergrivier Munisipaliteit.

NUWE RESERVOIR IN PIKETBERG 80% VOLTOOID

Deur Matthew Sheldon

"Ons is ongelooflik trots en opgewonde oor hierdie projek, aangesien water die lewensbron van enige dorp of gemeenskap is. Dit is 'n groot suksesverhaal vir Piketberg en die versekering van volhoubare voorsiening van vars water vir ons inwoners is uitstekende nuus vir toekomstige beleggers ook."

Só het Adv. Hanlie Linde, Munisipale Bestuurder van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, gedurende 'n belangrike gesprek oor verskeie kapitaalprojekte, gesê.

Hierdie nuwe reservoir, wat R18,6 miljoen beloop, sal addisionele stoorkapasiteit byvoeg tot die reeds bestaande twee reservoirs in Piketberg. Die huidige twee reservoirs stoor ongeveer 5,7 megaliter water. Saam sal al drie reservoirs 'n totaal van 9,7 megaliter water kan stoor.

Linde sê sy is tevrede met die vordering van die projek tot op hede ten spyte van die weersomstandighede wat in June/Julie 2023 ervaar is. Vorderingsverlae deur die Kontrakteur dui aan dat die bou van die dak van die reservoir in September (2023) sal begin.

Arthur Willemse, Assistent Projek Bestuurder by Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, lê klem op die feit dat die volhoubare voorsiening van drink water gedurende die warm somermaande nie onderbreek sal word as gevolg van stoorkapasiteit nie. Daar is ander uitdagings soos langdurige beurtkrag en onvoorsiene waterpype wat bars, waaraan steeds aandag gegee word.

Daar word verwag dat die nuwe reservoir in Piketberg teen November 2023 voltooi sal wees.

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LOTYDE INSPIRES LEARNERS TO PRIORITIZE EDUCATION

By Matthew Sheldon

“Youth development is a priority for Bergrivier Municipality. LoTYDE introduces our youth to various tertiary institutions and prospective employers, ultimately broadening their knowledge, allowing them to make well informed career choices”.

These were the words of Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality, who emphasized the importance of showcasing the different study opportunities, bursary options and the specific requirements to successfully enroll for their desired degree, diploma, or higher certificate at the institution of their choice.

On Friday, 21 July 2023, approximately 550 learners from the various high schools within the Bergrivier Municipal Area attended the open day at the Steynville Primary School Hall in Piketberg. The expo prioritizes learners between grade 11 and 12 to motivate and encourage them to further their education.

LoTYDE has a symbolic meaning as this acronym stands for ‘Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Development Expo’, referring to the low tide of the ocean whereby our youth receive the necessary preparation during their high school years. This program is also aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s), ensuring quality education for everyone. Through continuous support and contributions by the Department of Education, LoTYDE was established in 2015, being driven by the Office of the Executive Mayor, expands annually.

Representatives from the following schools were present: Piketberg High School, Steynville Secondary School and Velddrif High School. Various higher education institutions such as West Coast College, Gene Louw Traffic College, and the University of Stellenbosch, showcased some of the courses and bursaries they have on offer. Nedbank were present to assist the learners with relevant information regarding the different accounts they can open and save with, while Western Cape Government provided the learners with information on their bursary opportunities and learnership programmes.

“The reality is that there aren’t any tertiary facilities within the Bergrivier Municipal Area, some learners don’t have access to internet or a computer to do proper research, resulting in many of them not being able to submit their applications,” explained Van Rooy.

The new music sensation “Ricky vani Frontline” entertained the learners with some of his most popular songs. His comedic colleague Ashwin Martin, had a mouthful to say as always, having everyone in stitches.

Ashley Pienaar, master of ceremonies and motivational speaker, rocked the stage with his unique comedic performances and kept the crowd on their feet and their eyes glued to the stage. Several learners won some exciting prizes (electronic devices) through lucky draws.

Every learner received a branded LoTYDE goodie bag which contained snacks and electronic devices.





Guest artist, Ricky Vani Frontline and Executive Mayor Ald. Ray van Rooy (right) handing the grand prize of a laptop to the winner of the final lucky draw at LoTYDE. The winner is: Ziefe Kayster from Piketberg High School.



MINISTERS TABLE OPTIONS TO RESOLVE TRUCK ISSUE IN VELDDRIF

The conduct of the heavy truck haulers on the road has become a growing concern for the communities of Velddrif and Dwarskersbos.

The Provincial Minister of Mobility, Ricardo Mackenzie, along with the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure, Tertius Simmers, held a public meeting with residents of Velddrif and Dwarskersbos on 30 August 2023, to not only respond to numerous complaints regarding the constant heavy truck traffic moving through the town, but to also present their possible solutions.

According to a media release from the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure, both ministers presented the public with the short and medium-term plans to resolve the increased truck traffic and concerns with the road infrastructure.

The Dwarskersbos and Velddrif communities have seen a massive increase in truck traffic which can be linked to the growing mining sector in the neighbouring regions. The communities raised their concerns with Bergrivier Municipality, that then took their concerns to the Western Cape Government as the roads are provincial roads.

Minister Ricardo Mackenzie mentioned that the short-term solution would start from 31 August 2023. "Our traffic teams will embark on special traffic law enforcement operations at key identified locations. We are the only province in the country with a 24-hour traffic law enforcement presence so these special operations will run continuously. The communities can rest assured that operators who contravene the traffic laws will meet the long arm of the law. We also urge the corporate sector to show leadership with their freight operations. To ensure that trucks are not overloaded, and drivers are not speeding or using routes that do not support the weight of their load".

Minister Simmers explained to the public that he presented both the medium and long-term solutions to the Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality, Alderman Ray van Rooy for consideration by the Municipality.

"The construction of the replacement of the Carinus Bridge is planned and envisaged to commence within the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTREF). Part of the project will be the upgrade of the R27 and R399 in Velddrif," said Simmers.

"While we will continue with our regular planned maintenance operations, this project will see an upgrade in the road infrastructure suitable to accommodate traffic volume expansions in the future," Simmers concluded.

Simmers also mentioned that the long-term option for the Municipality to consider is to start a de-proclamation process to change Voortrekker Road from a provincial road to a local road. By doing this, the Municipality will then have greater control over its traffic rules for vehicles.

Both the Municipality and Provincial Government are committed to keeping the affected communities informed of all the latest developments regarding this matter.



DELEGASIE VAN BELGIË BESOEK BERGRIVIER



Deur Hanlie Linde

'n Afvaardiging van Heist-op-den-Berg het Bergrivier Munisipaliteit besoek tydens Julie 2023 en gesamentlik het die twee munisipaliteite 'n vaste-afval konferensie bygewoon en verslag gelewer oor die suksesse van die projek (2016-2023).

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is in 'n stedeband met Heist-op-den-Berg Munisipaliteit in België. Die twee munisipaliteite is mede-vennote in 'n vaste afval projek met fondse vanaf die Belgiese Federale Regering sedert 2016.

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se projek "Turning waste into Prosperity" is 'n groot sukses in Porterville en 'n praktykvoorbeeld vir ander munisipaliteite. Dit sal nou verder gedupliseer word in Velddrif en Piketberg as deel van 'n vlagskip program van die Uitvoerende Burgemeester in die 2023-2024 finansiële jaar.

Ons moet ons afval wat na stortingsterreine toe geneem word, drasties verminder deur alles te herwin wat ons kan en kompos te maak van al ons bio-afval.

"Ons moedig die publiek aan om ons hiermee te help met herwinning, vermindering en hergebruik," het Linde afgesluit. *Hier volg 'n paar fotos wat in Julie 2023 geneem is.*



NEW PRE-PAID ELECTRICITY METER SYSTEM FOR BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY

In November 2024, the 20-digit token identifier, which can be seen on all pre-paid electricity meters within the Bergrivier Municipal Area and in the rest of South Africa, will expire and cease to accept any electricity tokens.

Residents who are using Standard Transfer Specification (STS) pre-paid electricity meters will therefore not be able to buy electricity unless their meters have been reprogrammed.

To ensure a smooth continuation of your pre-paid electricity service, Bergrivier Municipality will follow a specific schedule per area, whereby it will phase in the reprogramming of customers pre-paid meters.

The first phase of this project will commence on Monday, 18 September 2023 in Porterville. The Municipality will visit other areas as from October 2023. The details of the visitations will be communicated via the Municipality's various social media platforms.

Consumers with conventional credit meters will not be affected by this new pre-paid electricity system.

The following questions which pre-paid consumers might have will be addressed in detail in the weeks to come, such as:

- How do you know whether your meter has been reprogrammed?
- What happens if I lose my tokens - will I be able to get the two 20 digit codes again?
- Can I still buy pre-paid electricity from banking apps?
- Can I update my meter before the Municipality visits my area?

Martin Crous, Manager: Income at Bergrivier Municipality said: "We urge all pre-paid electricity customers to kindly cooperate with the Municipality during the upgrading of their pre-paid electricity meter, to ensure that they will not experience any challenges. The last thing we want is a customer trying to punch in a token and their prepaid electricity meter not accepting it".

If you'd like to have your pre-paid electricity meter upgraded urgently, you are more than welcome to contact Mr. Vincent Esau, Accountant: Credit Control at 022 913 6108.

Remember this before reprogramming your prepaid meter:

You must ensure that you enter all your unused electricity tokens into your meter before you start the upgrade. If you do not enter your electricity tokens first (unused), you will not be able to use them after the upgrade has concluded.

Please note: No refunds will be made on tokens not punched into your prepaid meter after the upgrade is done.

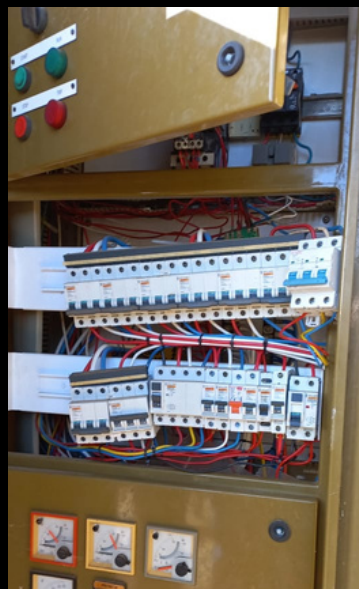
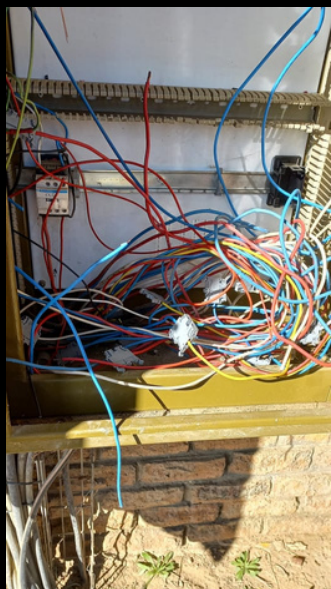
If you have successfully punched in your unused electricity tokens before the upgrade, you will still be able to use those units after the upgrade.

More information to follow in due course.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Daar is geen verskoning vir vandalisme nie!

#stopvandalismenou





PHELOPHEPA GESONDHEIDSTREIN IN PIKETBERG VIR 2 WEKE - BEKOSTIGBARE GESONDHEIDSORG

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is opgewonde om aan te kondig dat die Phelophepa Gesondheidsorgtrein die munisipale gebied in September 2023 kom besoek, vir 'n tweede keer in 5 jaar.

Die 19-wa trein, wat 'n korporatiewe maatskaplike beleggingsinisiatief van Transnet is, sal vir twee weke vanaf 11 tot 22 September 2023, by die Piketberg-Treinstasie gebaseer wees.

Die trein bied gesondheidsdienste soos tandheelkunde, oogsorg en sielkundige sessies aan minderbevoorregte mense wat nog nooit toegang tot hierdie dienste gehad het nie. Die trein het ook 'n apteek, opvoedkundige kliniek en algemene mediese afdelings waar inwoners allerhande siektes en toestande met 'n dokter kan kom bespreek.

Daar sal nie vanjaar 'n katarakprogram wees nie. As u regtig 'n operasie nodig het in Piketberg moet u so gou as moontlik 'n afspraak met die kliniek of die Radie Kotzé Hospitaal skeduleer.

Wanneer die trein in die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied is, sal medici ook uitreik na verskillende plaaslike skole om noodsaaklike gesondheidsdienste aan die leerders te bied.



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GOLDEN GAMES 2023 IN PIKETBERG

By Marcell Rickers

“The Golden Games have become a major event on the annual calendar for our senior citizens. The competition gets fiercer by the year”.

These were the words of Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality, who gave recognition to all senior citizens, calling them the “foundation and pillars of strength” upon which all communities within the Bergrivier Municipal Area are built upon.

The event, which brought more than 200 senior citizens together from 10 different senior service centres, was held on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at the Rhino Park Sports Field in Piketberg.

Bergrivier Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS), West Coast District Municipality (WCDM), Department of Social Development (DSD) and the Bergrivier Motivated Women (BMW) hosted yet another successful Golden Games in Piketberg.

Representatives from the various centres competed against each other for top honours in the various sport codes namely: Jukskei; Rugby Ball Throw; Goal Shooting; Duck Walk; Ring the Stick; 500m Brisk Walk; 4 x 100m Sprint; 4 x 100m Relay, 50m Sprint, 100m Sprint, Dominoes and so much more.

“Senior citizens still have a fundamental role to play in our communities because they hold all the indigenous knowledge of the area, which is often high valuable when considering implementing developmental initiatives. We admire and respect your valuable input, broad knowledge about life and the skills which you are transferring to the younger generation. By hosting this event, we are celebrating and acknowledging your meaningful contributions,” said Van Rooy.

The key aim of the Golden Games initiative is to connect senior citizens from different walks of life and provide them with information to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle, whilst competing in a relaxed and fun environment.

During the awards ceremony, all the participants were recognized for their sporting efforts on the day and therefore each person received a medal. The senior citizens were praised for their enthusiasm, competitiveness, and joyous spirit.

“I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to all the stakeholders for their continuous support and contributions towards hosting a successful event. Thank you to our incredible guests, none of this would’ve been possible without you. Continue to educate and motivate our communities,” Van Rooy concluded.

Caption: Senior citizens from various towns within Bergrivier Municipal Area came together at Rhino Park Sports Field in Piketberg to compete in the Golden Games 2023.





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WOMEN'S DAY EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS - 9 AUGUST 2023!

By Marcell Rickers



Bergrivier Municipality hosted its annual Women's Day event at the Steynville Primary School Hall on Wednesday, 09 August 2023. Our guests of honour were all the local women from Bergrivier Municipality who were celebrated and spoiled with special gifts, musical performances and entertainment.



BETTER TOGETHER GAMES 2023

By Marcell Rickers



Bergrivier Municipality hosted its annual Better Together Games event on Friday, 1 September 2023 at the Smitpark Sport Grounds in Velddrif. Staff competed in a variety of sporting codes such as Netball, Soccer, Tag Rugby, Dominoes and Soccer. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the roleplayers who contributed to the success of this day.



MAYORAL SOCCER CUP DRAWS BIG SUPPORT IN VELDDRIF

By Angelo Rickers

"Soccer is alive in Bergrivier Municipality. Well done to all the players and especially the winning clubs who performed exceptionally well on the pitch at this year's Bergrivier Mayoral Soccer Cup."

These were the words of Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality, who attended the Bergrivier Mayoral Soccer Cup which was held at the Eric Goldsmith Sports Ground in Velddrif. This event took place on Freedom Day, 27 April 2023.

A total of 8 teams from across Bergrivier Municipality, namely Piketberg Spurs FC, Atlantic Rovers FC, Young Stars FC, Young Chiefs FC, Porterville Hotspurs FC, Yizo Yizo FC, Piketberg United FC and Rasta Milan FC participated in this competition.

On a cold and misty Thursday morning (27 April 2023), approximately 300 spectators made their way to the stadium to support their favourite local soccer club. The Mayoral Soccer Cup was designed to create a platform to allow players an opportunity to showcase their talents and empower local clubs by offering a financial incentive to the top performing teams.

The tournament consisted of two divisions, namely Division A (South African Breweries League) and Division B (Local Football Association League). The final rankings for Division A (from top) were Atlantic Rovers FC (R8 000); Yizo Yizo FC (R4 000); Young Chiefs FC (R2 000) and Rasta Milan FC (R1 000), whilst Young Stars FC (R8 000) won Division B and in second place was Piketberg United FC (R4 000). Third place in Division B went to Porterville Hotspurs FC (R2 000) and in fourth was Piketberg Spurs FC (R1 000). Emotions were high as all teams battled it out to be crowned as the winners of the Bergrivier Mayoral Soccer Cup.



Caption: Atlantic Rovers FC (Velddrif) were the winners of Division A at the Bergrivier Mayoral Soccer Cup 2023.

Van Rooy mentioned that even though the tournament was very competitive, the clubs respected each other on the pitch and the matches were played with good energy and discipline.

The best players on the day were as follows:

- Best goalkeeper – Zidan Coetzee (Division A) and Thabo Tiba (Division B);
- Best midfielder of the tournament – Justine du Toit (Division A) and Emmanuel Kayster (Division B);
- Best defender – Sibongile Sikeyi (Division A) and Ephraim Tandayde (Division B);
- Best striker – Marius Gelant (Division A) and Bronwyn Koordom (Division B); and
- Top goal scorer of the tournament – McNeal Sauls (Division A) and Aymila Nkohla (Division B).

Van Rooy explained that sports development remains one of the Municipality's top priorities. "By investing resources to create a platform of this standard, we will encourage the youth to showcase their talents and simultaneously participate in an active lifestyle," said Van Rooy.

He concluded by saying: "We would like to take this opportunity to share our appreciation to the Bergrivier Sport and Recreation Association for their continuous support and partnership. We would like to thank Riviera Hotel, OK Foods Velddrif, Charlie's Brew House (Russel Foster), Tuboseal and Westland Fisheries, for your contribution towards making this tournament a huge success. A special thank you to all the participating soccer teams and, most importantly, the supporters who came in their numbers to make this event memorable."



Caption: Young Stars FC were crowned as the champions of Division B and bagging a cash prize of R8 000.

REPORT FRAUD

“Members of the public are encouraged to report any fraud and/or corruption allegations to either the Executive Mayor, Alderman Ray van Rooy, on 083 657 9615, the Municipal Manager, Adv. Hanlie Linde on 022 913 6011 or the Assistant Internal Auditor, Willrene Nero at 022 913 6109 or via e-mail: nerow@bergmun.org.za

The public can also contact the National Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 701 701 or the Provincial Forensic Services at 021 483 0931 or via e-mail: Tip.Offs@westerncape.gov.za

All communication is treated with sensitivity and strictly confidential.



Willrene Nero, Assistant: Internal Auditor began her career at Bergrivier Municipality on 1 Dec 2022.

Municipal Notice: Indigent subsidies

Bergrivier Municipality would like to invite everyone that would like to register as a household in need and are eligible for free basic services, to visit their nearest municipal office. Customers can apply for indigent subsidies if the total household income of all members of the household living on the premises is less than R5 000 per month. If you qualify, your monthly bill will be subsidized by up to R743.90. This amount includes 6Kl of free water. Come and find out how the process works. For more information on indigent subsidies, call Mabel Fortuin (Piketberg) on 022 913 6061 or Estralita Schreuder (Porterville) on 022 931 8420 or Simonia Philander (Velddrif) on 022 783 8304. We serve with pride and we are always there to help you!

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Bergrivier Munisipaliteit nooi graag almal wat as hulpbehoewende huishoudings wil registreer en vir gratis basiese dienste in aanmerking wil kom, om hul naaste munisipale kantoor te besoek. Verbruikers kan aansoek doen vir 'n deernis-subsidie indien die totale huishoudelike inkomste van alle lede van die huishouding (wat op die perseel woonagtig is) minder as R5 000 per maand is. Indien u kwalifiseer, sal u maandelikse rekening met tot soveel as R743.90 gesubsidieer word. Hierdie bedrag sluit 6Kl gratis water in. Kom vind uit hoe die proses werk. Vir meer inligting oor deernis-subsidies, skakel Mabel Fortuin (Piketberg) by 022 913 6061 of Estralita Schreuder (Porterville) by 022 931 8420 of Simonia Philander (Velddrif) by 022 783 8304. Ons dien met trots en is altyd daar om u te help!

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**ONWETTIGE STORTING IS 'N
OORTREDING EN SAL BEBOET WORD**

STOP DIT!



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Ons heg waarde aan u behoefte om stiptelik bedien te word

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Ons waardeer jou vennootskap en verbind ons daartoe om u met trots te dien

GRONDGEBRUIK



Ons hanter al u grondgebruikaansoeke op 'n oop, regverdige en deursigtige wyse

BESKERMINGSDIENSTE



Ons verstaan dat gemeenskappe in 'n veilige omgewing floreer

NUWE AANSLUITINGS



Ons glo in u reg op 'n menswaardige lewe

VERBINTENIS TOT DIENSLEWERING



Ons mik daarna om ons dorpe skoon te hou en ononderbroke, gehalte diens te verskaf

VISIE

Bergrivier: 'n Vooruitstrewende gemeenskap waar almal wil leef, werk, leer en speel op 'n menswaardige manier.

MISSIE

Verbintenis tot volhoubare ontwikkeling en die lewering van dienste wat reageer op die ontwikkelingsbehoefte van alle gemeenskappe in Bergrivier Munisipaliteit.

WAARDES

- Ons is almal deel van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit;
- Ons streef daarna om goeie diens te lewer om te verseker dat alle mense op 'n waardige wyse kan saamleef;
- Ons is onbeskaamd pro-arm;
- Ons glo in goeie verhoudings;
- Ons glo in nuwe innoverende vennootskappe;

- Ons glo in sosiale- en ekonomiese ontwikkeling van die gebied;
- Ons is gedissiplineerd;
- Ons gee om vir ons werk en ons kollegas;
- Ons dien met trots; en
- Ons glo in etiese gedrag.

Ons dien met trots!

PUT YOUR WASTE IN ITS PLACE

Recycling of Glass, Metal, Paper & Plastic
Place these items in your transparent/recycling bag.

3 EASY STEPS TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES

1
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2
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3
DRY



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GREEN WASTE

*Place the following items in your green bag or compost bin:
grass, wood chips, dead plants, twigs, branches and leaves*

**DID YOU KNOW
THAT GREEN
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BE PLACED INTO
A COMPOST BIN.**

If you are interested
in composting, contact
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ORGANIC WASTE

Place the following items into your compost bin: egg shells, fruit peels, vegetables, coffee sediment and newspaper

IF YOU DO NOT YET HAVE A COMPOST BIN OR A DEDICATED SPACE FOR COMPOSTING, PLACE YOUR ORGANIC WASTE INTO YOUR BLACK BAG.

Please note that meat, nappies and dog/cat litter are examples of items that must be placed into your black bag.



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