

What should I do with old X-Rays?

X-rays are required by Medical Practitioners to be retained for comparison purposes.

A radiologist usually asks that you bring previous X-rays of the site where a new x-ray is being taken.

It is in your best health interest to retain and present these X-rays.

If however there is a need to dispose of x-rays, for example those of someone who is now diseased, there are various ways of doing this as listed below.

X-Ray disposal

X-Rays contain silver in the form of halides, which can be extracted and converted into pure silver. The x-ray films are heated using temperatures of over 1,000 degrees celsius, the silver is extracted and converted into a more pure silver form. The silver can then be reused for things such as silver solder, jewellery, the silver plating of utensils, electrical components and film manufacture.

For a list of businesses & organisations that may accept X-Rays for recycling, visit [PlanetArk - X-Ray Recycling](#). For the Penrith LGA the following may be helpful:

Drop off your X-Rays

[Quantum Technical Services](#)

Drop Off Address: 1/30 Glendenning Road Glendenning NSW 2761

Phone: 1300 247 266

Time: 8.30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Fee: No Fees Apply

www.quantumtechnicalservices.com.au/community

CMA Ecocycle Australia

22 Christie Street, St Marys 2760

02 9833 4155

E-mail is <http://www.cmaecocycle.net/contact-us/>

No fees apply.

St Marys Scouting Group (1st)

Address: Cnr Charles Hocket Drive & Gabriels Lane, St Marys

Contact: Leanne Burrows 02 4773 4319

Scout Hall open for meetings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings 5:00pm-7:00pm

Arrange a Pick-Up for Large Volumes of X-Rays

If you have x-ray volumes over 20kg, you can arrange a collection from:

- Quantum Technical Services in most areas. To find out more, contact [Quantum Technical Services](#) on 1300 247 266.

[Shred-X](#)

Address: 32 Bowden Street, Alexandria, NSW 2015

Phone: 1300 747 339

Fees apply