

# Hard Waste and Recycling Collections

## Conditions of Collection and Acceptable and Unacceptable Items



Darebin Council offers residents an annual area based hard waste and recycling collection in winter and a limited number of pre-booked hard waste and recycling collections in spring.

- **Winter** hard waste and recycling collections are carried out on an area by area basis. See [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/hardwaste) for general collection dates. Council will notify you of your collection dates around two weeks before the collection by sending a brochure in the mail.
- **Spring** hard waste and recycling collections are designed for people like students who are moving house at this time and must be booked in advance. See [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/hardwaste) for booked collection dates. **You are advised to book early as only a limited number of collections are available.**
- Residents using Council's hard waste and recycling collections are required to follow all of the Conditions of Collection, any related information and any other instructions given by Council.

### Conditions of Collection

- A **maximum** of one cubic metre (1m<sup>3</sup> - approximately equivalent to a standard 6' x 4' trailer) will be collected from each household.
- Items for collection should be placed on the nature strip **no earlier** than the Saturday prior to your collection week and **not after** 6am on the Monday of your collection week. Do not add to the piles once items are out for collection. Items placed out late will not be collected.
- Items for collection should be made obvious to the collectors and kept separate from other items. Council will not be held responsible for the inadvertent collection of other items placed on or near collection piles.
- Recyclable material (eg. metals, car tyres) should be separated from general hard waste materials, into distinct piles. Items must be stacked or arranged safely. All smaller items must be placed in a box, not left loose.
- Please note: Your hard waste and recycling may, or may not, all be collected from your nature strip at one time. Collections of different types of materials can occur over a few days. Do not add items to your pile once collections have started, or they may not be collected.
- Only Acceptable Items will be collected. Unacceptable Items will not be collected. See below and overleaf for a detailed list.
- Residents are responsible for removing any Unacceptable Items that are not collected. Dangerous or hazardous materials must be removed immediately. Other unacceptable items must also be removed immediately.

**Failure to comply with these Conditions of Collection or other information/instructions supplied by Council may result in your hard waste not being collected. Fines may also be issued.**

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Household furniture (**no items with mirrors or glass**), toys, crockery, small electrical appliances.
- Beds/Mattresses (**maximum of one bed and base only**).
- Timber – maximum of 12 pieces neatly stacked, maximum of 1.5 metres length. **No fence palings.**
- Carpet and equivalent underlay – one room only (three rolls maximum), lino and vinyl (small amounts).
- Small glass items only – such as drinking glasses and crockery – must be wrapped and put in a secure box, clearly marked "GLASS". Plastic bags of glass will not be collected. No broken glass. No large glass items.
- Car tyres (maximum of four). **No 4WD or truck tyres.**
- Stoves, rangehoods, hot water systems, portable air conditioners on wheels, radios, video players, CD players and DVD players.
- Scrap metal (no longer than 1.5 metres).
- Lawn mowers and tools.
- Electronic waste (E-waste) such as TVs, computers, laptops, small servers, printers, multifunction devices, monitors, keyboards and computer mice and accessories.

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Unacceptable items may be eligible for recycling or disposal at the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre, Kurnai Ave, Reservoir, 9462 3455. For further information see [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/resourcerecovery](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/resourcerecovery).

**NO items longer than 1.5m (5ft) in length or width, or too heavy for two people to lift (e.g. piano, heavy treadmills).**

**NO fridges, freezers, washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashers or microwaves** Phone Brotherhood of St Laurence (1300 366 283) OR Kids Off The Kerb (9982 5600) to arrange a FREE collection. Please note, the Brotherhood of St Laurence do not accept dishwashers.

**NO green waste e.g. tree trunks, branches, grass, flower cuttings, ivy, weeds or garden prunings**  
Book a bundled branch collection or order a Green Waste Recycling Bin (charges apply) by calling Council on 8470 8888. Grass, flowers, garden prunings, ivy and weeds can be collected in your Green Waste Recycling Bin. Alternatively, contact Council on 8470 8888 to find out more about composting at home.

**NO paint**

Tins of paint can be disposed of FREE of charge at [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). EMPTY paint tins WITH LIDS REMOVED can be disposed of in your recycling bin.

**NO mobile phones, cameras, household batteries, corks, DVDs, CDs, x-rays or light globes.**

Household quantities of these items can be recycled FREE of charge at Council's Customer Service Centre Recycling Stations.

**NO bean bags, bean bag filling or polystyrene packing balls.** Polystyrene packaging is acceptable.

**NO large glass items e.g. windows, mirrors, shower screens, glass doors**

Reusable glass items may be accepted at the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). Small glass items can be recycled in your home recycling bin. Broken glass items should be wrapped and placed in your home waste bin.

**NO building or demolition materials – including but not limited to:**

NO Asbestos – Asbestos must be collected by an authorised contractor. Fines will apply for leaving asbestos out as it poses a safety risk.

NO Guttering or Tiles, Fence Palings or Fencing Materials.

NO Bricks, Concrete, Cement, Cement Sheets, Stone, Clay, Sand, Soil or Stone Rubble.

NO Plaster, Doors, Window Frames, Clothes Lines, Toilets, Coil Springs.

NB. Some of these building materials may be accepted by the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). Charges may apply.

**NO oil of any type**

Oil may be disposed of at the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#) – small amounts of cooking oil can be disposed of at no charge, charges apply for disposal of motor oil or other waste oil.

**NO gas bottles, fuel tanks, water tanks or petrol tanks (either whole or dismantled)**

These items pose a safety risk. A number of petrol stations who refill gas bottles may also recycle them. Gas bottles and empty tanks are accepted at the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). Charges may apply.

**NO car bodies, car parts, 4WD tyres or truck tyres**

Scrap metal, 4WD and truck tyres are accepted by the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#). Charges may apply.

**NO items that can be accepted in your household recycling bins**

Aluminium cans, steel cans, cardboard, plant pots, pots and pans, milk containers, plastic toys, paper, glass containers (unbroken) or bottles should all be placed in your yellow-lidded household recycling bin.

**NO items that can be accepted in your household waste bin**

Domestic waste should be placed in your dark green-lidded household waste bin.

**NO industrial, commercial or business waste**

The hard waste and recycling collection is for household items only. Industrial, commercial or business waste may be accepted by the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#), or through a private contractor. Charges apply.

**NO hazardous waste, toxic chemicals, liquid waste, fertilisers, dangerous goods or offensive waste**

Car and household batteries and light globes can be recycled for FREE at the [Darebin Resource Recovery Centre](#).

**Household Chemicals** - Sustainability Victoria run free Detox Your Home drop off days for **household chemicals** in Reservoir each year. See [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) for more information.