

# Hard waste Collections



Darebin Council offers two free hard waste collections each year.

- **Winter** collections are carried out on an area by area basis. You will receive a brochure two weeks before your collection with your area's collection dates.
- **Spring** collections are designed for people, like students, who are moving house at this time. This collection must be booked in advance. **A limited number of collections are available.**

Residents using Council's hard waste 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 (1 cubic metre – equal to two washing machines side by side) 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 date listed on your brochure. 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 hard waste material.
- Material that will be recycled (e-waste, mattress/bedbase, scrap metals, car tyres) should be separated in distinct piles. General hard waste should be in a separate pile. Items must be stacked or arranged safely. Small 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. Different types of materials may be collected on different trucks. Do not add items to your pile once collections have started. Items placed out late will 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 items that are not collected. Unacceptable, dangerous or hazardous materials must be removed immediately.

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

## Acceptable items

- ✓ **Beds/mattresses** (maximum of one bed and base only).
- ✓ **Car tyres (maximum of four)**. No 4WD or truck tyres.
- ✓ **Scrap metal (no longer than 1.5 metres and easily lifted by two people)**, including hot water services, dishwashers, washing machines, microwaves, stoves, BBQs and ovens.
- ✓ **Electronic waste (e-waste)** such as TVs, computers, laptops, small servers, printers, multifunction devices, monitors, keyboards and computer mice and accessories, portable air coolers (on wheels), radios, video players, CD and DVD players, hair dryers, power tools. Remember to clear all data on your devices.
- ✓ **Household furniture and bric-a-brac** (no items with mirrors or glass panels), toys, crockery, small electrical appliances, lawn mowers and tools
- ✓ **Timber** – maximum of 12 pieces neatly stacked, no more than 1.5 metres length. No fence palings.
- ✓ **Carpet and equivalent underlay**. Lino and vinyl. One room only (three rolls maximum).
- ✓ **Small glass items only** – such as drinking glasses and crockery – must be wrapped and put in a secure box, clearly marked "GLASS". Glass in plastic bags will not be collected. No large glass panels or mirror.

## Not accepted. These items will not be collected

✘ **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, air conditioning units**

These appliances require professional degassing and can be taken to the **Darebin Resource Recovery Centre** (charges apply per unit). Some private companies offer a collection of old appliances, for a fee. Most white goods retailers will also offer a pick-up of your old appliance when you purchase a new one.

✘ **NO green waste e.g. tree trunks, branches, grass, flower cuttings, ivy, weeds or garden prunings**

Book a free bundled branch collection or use your Food and Green Waste Bin. Grass, flowers, garden prunings, ivy and weeds can be collected in your green waste bin.

✘ **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, 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.** These must be wrapped and can go in your household waste bin.

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

Reusable glass items may be accepted at the **Darebin Resource Recovery Centre**. Jars and bottles can go in your home recycling bin. Broken drinking glasses 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.

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

✘ **NO general household waste** - Domestic waste should be placed in your household general waste bin.

✘ **NO industrial, commercial or business waste** - The hard waste 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, dangerous goods, light bulbs or offensive waste**

Car and household batteries and light globes can be recycled for FREE at the **Darebin Resource Recovery Centre**.

✘ **NO household chemicals, toxic chemicals, fertilisers.** Sustainability Victoria run free Detox Your Home drop off days for household chemicals in Reservoir each year. See [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) for more information.

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