

# FAQs

## Biannual bulk hard waste collection

### Is there a size limit for my hard waste collection?

There is no size limit. However, we ask you to think sustainably and try to reuse or repair items before placing them out for collection. Bulk waste collection should be a last resort.

### Are items recycled after they are collected?

Wherever possible, items from bulk waste collections are recycled. However, some materials may still end up in landfill if they are unsuitable for recycling, so it is always best to reuse or repair items where you can.

A range of items can also be dropped off for recycling throughout the year at the West Metro Recycling Centre, including hazardous waste and items that cannot go in your household recycling bin.

How can I give my items a second life?

Some items placed on the verge may be collected by others or dismantled for parts. However, there are more reliable ways to give your unwanted items a second life.

Consider gifting, selling, donating, repairing, or swapping items before placing them out for collection. Options include:

- 'Buy nothing' groups
- Gumtree
- eBay
- Facebook Marketplace
- street libraries
- charity donation points or stores.

### Why should I find other ways to reuse or recycle my items if they may be recycled through the bulk waste collection?

Reusing items and reducing waste decreases the amount of material that needs to be processed or sent to landfill. This saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and lessens the need to mine or extract natural resources to manufacture new products.

Not all items are suitable for recycling, and some may end up in landfill. Finding a new owner can be the best way to extend the life of an unwanted item. Using services such as Buy Nothing groups also gives items a better chance of being reused than placing them on the verge and hoping someone collects them. Selling an item could also put a little extra money in your pocket – a win-win!

There are also environmental concerns associated with placing items on the verge. For example, scavengers may cut gas pipes in fridges to access parts they can sell, potentially releasing hazardous gases into the atmosphere.

### Which items are accepted, and which items will not be collected?

| Accepted items                            | Items not accepted                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Air conditioners                          | <b>NO</b> Asbestos products                                            |
| BBQs (not gas bottles)                    | <b>NO</b> Batteries                                                    |
| Bicycles                                  | <b>NO</b> Building materials (bricks, rubble, concrete, etc.)          |
| Bulk polystyrene                          | <b>NO</b> Car oil and fuel                                             |
| Bulky toys                                | <b>NO</b> Food                                                         |
| E-waste (TVs, computers, and accessories) | <b>NO</b> Gas cylinders                                                |
| Fencing (timber and steel only)           | <b>NO</b> Glass panels (tables, mirrors, and windowpanes)              |
| Floor coverings (linoleum and carpet)     | <b>NO</b> Hazardous materials (flammable, toxic, or corrosive liquids) |
| Fridges and freezers (doors removed)      | <b>NO</b> Paint                                                        |
| Garden hoses                              | <b>NO</b> Dirt, garden waste, soil, sand, and mulch                    |
| General junk                              | <b>NO</b> Tyres                                                        |
| Household furniture (no glass)            | <b>NO</b> Vehicles, car bodies, and car parts                          |
| Mattresses                                |                                                                        |
| Mattress bases                            |                                                                        |
| Scrap metal                               |                                                                        |
| Plant pots                                |                                                                        |
| Small electrical goods                    |                                                                        |
| Timber (not garden waste)                 |                                                                        |
| Whitegoods (doors removed)                |                                                                        |
| Wire and strapping                        |                                                                        |

### Where can I find more information about reducing waste sent to landfill or finding a new home for unwanted items?

- [How to repair | Western Metropolitan Regional Council](#)
- [How to reuse and recycle unwanted items | Western Metropolitan Regional Council](#)
- [www.vergevalet.com.au/repair-and-reuse-options](http://www.vergevalet.com.au/repair-and-reuse-options)