



put it in the right bin



Special collection

What do we mean by 'special collection'?

Some STUFF cannot be put into home recycling, organics or waste bins. This STUFF needs special collection. This may include large items for council hard rubbish collections and other special collection bins at shops and drop-off points in council areas.

What STUFF requires a special collection?

Some STUFF is banned from landfill because it is harmful to the environment, other STUFF can't go in your household bins and then there is the STUFF that can go somewhere better! To find out whether STUFF should be collected separately ask the following questions:

- Is it a battery?

Batteries contain heavy metals and harmful chemicals that can pollute soil and groundwater and harm the environment. To dispose of old batteries safely, take them to a Battery World store or look for a battery recycling bin at your school or council.

- Does it have a cord?

Electronic equipment often contains valuable metals like copper and gold which can be recovered and reused, as well as harmful heavy metals and toxins. Most councils have drop-off points or collection programs for electronic waste (e-waste).

- Is it a light globe?

Light globes contain mercury and other hazardous materials and are banned from landfill in some states, but may have local collection points. Check to see where you can take old light globes for recycling.

- Is it too big for my bin?

Sometimes, STUFF is just too big or heavy to fit into your regular bins. This can include old whitegoods (washing machines, stoves and fridges), furniture, mattresses, carpet and wood. These may be disposed of via a hard rubbish collection or by dropping them off to a waste transfer station.

- Could it be reused by someone else?

If your unwanted STUFF still works, or is in good condition, someone else might be able to use it. Give it to a friend or family member, or donate it to a charity.

