

HARD WASTE **FACT** SHEET



FAST FACTS



Council provides a booked hard waste collection to residents of single houses.



Residents of multi-unit dwellings with 12 or more units, use hard collection pick-ups through their owners' corporation or building manager.



Maribyrnong provides booked hard waste collections in order to provide flexibility to residents and to improve health and safety of collectors and our community.

Council supports the reuse of household items through free programs and drop-off hubs.

The big picture

Council has provided booked waste collections to residents of single-houses, for over ten years. Collections can be booked online, or by phone and residents are entitled to one free collection per household, per year. Prior to this, a kerb side hard waste collection service was provided.

Hard waste services in multi-unit dwellings with 12 or more units is organised between Council and the property's owners' corporation or building manager - as they differ from smaller household collections. This ensures that a coordinated approach is taken to waste management for the apartment complex.

Feedback from residents has been that they prefer mass kerb side collections, as they were able to reuse and swap furniture and household items.

Though reuse is very important in minimising waste, mass collections are not the only way to do this. In fact even after residents swapped and removed all valuable items in mass kerb side collections the majority of waste was at the end of its useful life and thousands of tonnes of it were still sent to landfill.

Some Councils have continued to provide kerb side collections, however the majority are moving towards at-call services. This is due to health and safety concerns of those collecting the hard waste and also minimising hazards on footpaths and nature strips. As a result Council will not be re-introducing a mass kerb side hard waste collections.

To encourage reuse, Council supports the Garage Sale Trail program and provides recycling hubs for clothing and small electrical items. We are also trialling an at-call home collection service for clothing and small electronic items.

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