

Garage Sale

Trail

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WHAT NOT TO DO



DON'T LEAVE IT OUT THE FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE

Putting your unwanted stuff on the footpath with a "free" sign hoping that someone else will take it is illegal dumping. It often ends up being abandoned and becomes someone else's problem (uncool!).

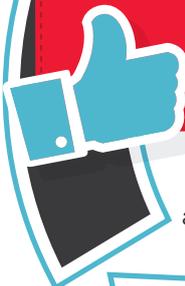
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DON'T DUMP IT

Dumping unwanted goods anywhere, be it in the bush, on a road, outside an op-shop, at a local park or other public place not only makes an eyesore for us all, it costs the community a lot of money. A percentage of funds generated through residential rates and taxes have to be budgeted to fund the clean up of dumped items, and we all know that money could be better spent elsewhere. It'll also be costly for you; dumping unwanted goods is illegal and can result in hefty fines!

WHAT TO DO WITH UNSOLD STUFF



It's more than likely you'll have stuff left over from your garage sale. Being reuse advocates there are lots of things you can do with your stuff to give it life.

SELL IT

For stuff of value sell it online. eBay and Gumtree are both great for this.

DONATE IT

Charities and op-shops sell items received from donations to make money to support their cause, but they're not dumping grounds for stuff of no value. Here's a few guidelines to truly be a help rather than a hindrance.

1

Ensure items are placed in a bin operated by an actual charity, some bins are owned and operated by commercial enterprises.

2

Make sure items are of use, clean and undamaged. Understandably, in most cases charities will only accept good quality pieces.

3

Place your donation inside the bin. Leaving items outside a shop or next to bins can result in theft and rain damage, and it's also classed as illegal dumping.

Dumping of unwanted items is a major issue for charities, with many having to spend a substantial amount of money to shift items that have been left in the wrong place. If any of your donations do not fit into charity bins, please drop off at an Op Shop during opening hours or call your preferred charity to arrange a pick-up.

Fines do apply for dumping your unwanted items next to charity bins and outside charity stores.

UPCYCLE IT

Upcycling is about converting something seemingly useless into something even better! For example, you might turn a woolly jumper past its prime into a cushion cover, a suitcase into a dolls house or if you're feeling really adventurous turn on old TV into a fish tank!

Search online for inspiring ways to refashion household items and give them a new life. By doing this, you're saving material from ending up in the waste system, and as we all know, we're fast running out of room for our rubbish and landfill is one of the major contributors to the release of methane into our atmosphere.

REUSE

STORE IT



For stuff you can't bring yourself to get rid of, storage is a handy solution. With over 140 stores across Australasia, Storage King is a great option. They're also

offering 15% off boxes and packing materials and have e-waste recycling available in store too.

As a Garage Sale Trail participant, you can pick up an e-waste carton from your nearest store for FREE, fill it with old electronics and then drop it back in for recycling. It's completely free and all you need to do is mention you're a friend of Garage Sale Trail.

Call 1800 100 700 or visit storageking.com.au to find your nearest Storage King. They help make Garage Sale Trail happen. Share the love.

RECYCLE IT

Has your stuff reached the end of its life? If so, Planet Ark can help you locate your nearest recycling service where you can find out what you can recycle in your local area. You can search your nearest drop off locations for tricky items such as electronics, printer cartridges, white goods, furniture... the list goes on!



Visit www.recyclingnearyou.com.au or call their national recycling hotline on 1300 733 712.

FOR STUFF THAT'S COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD

For stuff that really has come to the end of its life, see what collection services your council offers or take your unwanted goods to your local tip. Most councils offer a hard waste collection of some sort. Your council website is the best place to get that information.

Please don't just put your unwanted goods outside the front of your house or your apartment block unless you have booked a collection service with your local council or it is a scheduled collection day.