



Reuse and Recycle directory

Yippee! By selling your pre-loved stuff or shopping at a garage sale, you've already made a difference. Reusing extends the life and value of the stuff we buy and takes pressure off the planet's precious resources.

It's up to all of us to accept and take responsibility for the waste we generate so why stop at just one weekend? Here's some inspiration for how you can reuse and recycle 365 days a year.



Check out your local services

After your sale remember to donate your items responsibly!

Visit the websites below to find out where your unsold items can be donated:

REUSE Facility:

The Green Shed (ACT's REUSE Facility) - www.thegreenshed.net.au

The Green Shed offers a pick up service for reusable items, visit the website to find out more.

Bulky waste collection services:

Concession card holders are entitled to one FREE collection service per year. All Canberra residents can access this service for a fee. For conditions visit -

<http://www.bulkywaste.com.au/>

Charities:

GIVIT - a charity that matches and gives your items directly to those in need -

www.givit.org.au

St Vincent de Paul - <https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Contacts/ACT/>

The Salvation Army - <https://salvos.org.au/actsouthnsw/>

Lifeline - www.act.lifeline.org.au/

Australian Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org.au/stores-store-locator.aspx>
The Smith Family - <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/shop/retail-stores>

Support local:

Host your own stall at a Trash & Treasure market to support local Rotary clubs:
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/9013/SitePage/trash-and-treasure-market/tra...>

Online Classifieds:

www.ebay.com.au

www.gumtree.com.au

and there are heaps of local Canberran Facebook groups to join like BUY SWAP SELL, Canberra Marketplace and many more.

Mattress recycling:

Soft Landing offer a collection service for mattresses, or you can save money and drop mattresses off yourself. Visit the website for more details - www.softlanding.com.au

REMEMBER: ANY items left outside charities (including next to/on top of charity boxes) have to be sent to landfill, and charities have to pay to have items removed. To donate responsibly, make sure your items are clean, saleable and the charity has space for them. Give items directly to the charity volunteers or by placing them inside charity bins.

If the charity/charity bin doesn't have space, list your items on www.givvit.org.au or give them to your chosen charity at a less busy time.

<http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste>

Sell it on eBay

Instead of throwing out your pre-loved electronics, furniture, toys and clothes, sell them on eBay. A pre-loved item sells every 2.6 seconds on eBay and your stuff could be worth much more than you think. Pre-loved smartphones sell for an average of \$250 and handbags for around \$92.

Sell your next item on eBay free! [Click here to activate your offer.](#)

Donate it

Charities and op shops can be a great option for items like clothing that are in good condition plus you'll be helping to support a good cause at the same time. Some charities even offer collection services.

Here are our tips for ensuring your donations make a difference:

- If you wouldn't give it to a mate, don't donate. Donating items that are unusable or broken costs Australian charities millions in disposal fees each year
- Place items in charity bins or visit stores during opening hours. Leaving items outside is not just illegal, it also means that items are likely to get damaged or stolen and it can cost charities money paying for clean-up fees

For more tips and to find op shops and collection services near you, check out the [National Association of Charitable Recyclers](#).

Repair it

If you really can't bear to part with it, repair it. Check out [YouTube](#) for handy tutorials on how to upcycle and repair items if you plan to do it yourself or contact your local [Men's Shed](#) – many provide repair services for a small fee plus you'll be supporting your local Shed.

Give it away

Give away your pre-loved stuff to friends, family, local schools, community groups or shelters and rack up some karma in the process! Consider organising a swap meet with friends or join an existing one such as those organised across the country by [The Clothing Exchange](#).

Recycle it

For stuff you can't reuse, check out [Planet Ark's Recycling Near You](#) website which includes an A-Z of how to dispose of stuff as well as a directory of local services. Or call the National Recycling Hotline on [1300 733 712](#).

Don't dump it

Leaving items on the kerbside, outside an op shop or in bush or parkland not only makes it an eyesore for all of us but it costs the community a lot of money too. It could also be costly for you too – dumping unwanted goods is illegal and can result in hefty fines.