

Rubbish Bins

Churches of Christ Housing Services is committed to a culture of sustainability and to ensuring our properties are managed in an environmentally responsible way. To do this we need your help to reduce household waste and increase recycling. Waste management is a community issue and all residents have a responsibility for disposing of their household's waste correctly.



What can I do?

Residents can reduce what is sent to landfill by finding out more about what can and cannot be recycled, and by putting the right items in the right bin.

Appropriate use of rubbish bins is also a condition of your tenancy agreement.

- ✓ Do use recycling bins in accordance with local council regulations and applicable signage.
- ✓ Do put food scraps in a plastic bag and seal it before putting it in the general waste bin.
- ✓ Do report any issues in your community to your local council or to our office.
- ✗ Do not relocate bins from the designated area.
- ✗ Do not dispose of household items such as furniture or whitegoods in communal rubbish bins or communal areas.

What are Churches of Christ doing?

A number of strategies are being implemented to combat waste management issues in our communities including:

- assessing rubbish bins and enclosures to ensure they are safe and accessible
- providing community education about waste management to residents and relevant stakeholders
- fitting signage at each unit development to encourage the use of services as intended
- reviewing the communal rules and the conditions around rubbish bins
- visiting each site to help facilitate local solutions.

Dumped Household Waste

We spend thousands of dollars every year cleaning up dumped household waste—money, which could be better spent on community, programs for residents.

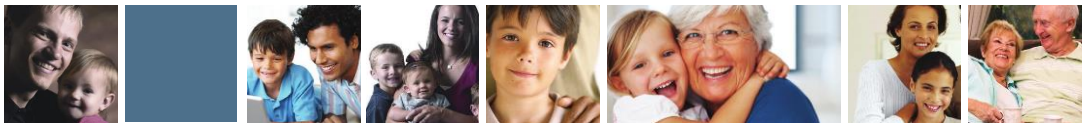
Dumped household waste is unsightly and can be hazardous. It also diminishes the aesthetic value of people's homes and results in a loss of community pride.

The risk factors associated with illegal dumping include toxic substances, sharp objects, fire, pests and vermin. It also encourages others to dump more dangerous waste.

Local councils provide educational information on recycling and the impacts of illegal dumping including the penalties, which can be up to \$3415 for an individual.

Councils also provide a variety of ways for residents to dispose of unwanted materials through scheduled clean ups and waste disposal facilities.

Check with your local council about programs in your area.



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What can go in each rubbish bin?



Nappies and animal droppings (wrap)



Household garbage (including meat and 'scrunchable' plastics)



Vacuum cleaner dust (wrap)



Broken glass, Pyrex, light globes and ceramics



Milk and juice cartons



Cardboard boxes



Steel cans, aluminium cans and foil



Glass bottles and jars

Good recyclers give back



Hard plastic bottles and containers



Newspapers, magazines, advertising material, letters, envelopes, office paper and phone books