



## Information sheet for council multi-unit dwelling collections

The Bower is a reuse and repair centre. We take items that can be reused in their current state, repaired or repurposed. We are not a waste transfer station, we do not take scrap metal etc but we are able to take household items including some electricals as well as building materials such as timber, tiles, gardening equipment, paint and plumbing supplies.

### What items does The Bower collect?

Furniture - chairs, tables, wardrobes etc (no chipboard or mdf)  
Electrical appliances – in-tact. Fittings such as sockets, leads, conduit, light bulbs  
Kitchenware – pots, pans, crockery, glassware etc including appliances such as juicers, toasters.  
Bric a brac – ornaments, stationery, decorative items  
Sports and leisure equipment such as camping chairs, tents, tennis racquets, surf boards  
Bikes and bike parts so long as they are not broken or rusted beyond repair  
Hardware & tools– power tools, hand tools, nails, hinges, door knobs etc  
Timber – usable lengths of 1metre or more  
Doors – Hollow core, solid timber, glass panel, leadlight, fly screen, security, garden gate.  
Windows/Glass – must be in a frame and glass must not be broken.  
Gardening – corrugated iron sheets, lattice, hoses, garden pots, watering systems, tools, plants etc  
Paint – usable paint, tins at least half full  
Plumbing – sinks, taps, shower heads, pvc pipe, fittings  
Tiles and pavers – in tact. Tiles must be in boxes, not loose.

### What can't The Bower collect?

In some cases there are legal and sanitary regulations that prevent The Bower from accepting certain goods, such as baby and children's items including strollers, cots and care seats. Other items, such as washing machines and dishwashers, are unable to be tested by The Bower. We also cannot accept mattresses or furniture made from MDF or chipboard.

Gas appliances such as heaters, gas bottles.  
Mattresses including sofa beds  
Baby and children's items such as strollers, cots, plastic or soft toys  
Items covered by Australian Standards, including children's car seats, motorbike helmets, seatbelts.  
Soft furnishings/linen – tablecloths, sheets, towels, curtains  
Clothing including shoes  
Chipboard/mdf furniture or pieces – these cannot be reused or recycled.  
Pedestool fans and oil column heaters  
Cheap, broken electricals



### **How should Building managers store items for collection?**

Please store items for collections in a clean, dry room or space that is not exposed to the elements. Please stack or order items in such a way that our truck driver has clear access to items and that he has unimpeded trolley, ramp or lift access. No flights of stairs.

### **How should Building managers prepare in the lead up to a collection?**

Try to make residents aware that the collection will be taking place. People often won't do a clean out of unused items until prompted. If you are booked in for a collection but don't have items for collection please let us know in advance so that our driver doesn't come out necessarily. If there are any items you are unsure about whether we will take please don't hesitate to contact us. Where possible take photos of the items and email them to [reuse@bower.org.au](mailto:reuse@bower.org.au) or ring our office on ph:95686280.

The Bower is committed to diverting as much from landfill as possible. If you need any advice or information about other companies to help rehome or recycle the items we can't take please don't hesitate to ask and we will be happy to refer you.