

Terms & Conditions – Community Drop Off Event Household Items

Background

The NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 (NSW Waste Strategy) sets out the NSW Government's intent to transition NSW to the circular economy and harness the economic opportunities reuse, repair and recycling present.

Northern Beaches Council's *Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Protect. Create. Live.* (ECC Strategy) sets out Council's commitment to actively work to keep waste out of landfill. Similarly, the Community Strategic Plan, Shape 2040 commits to provide programs, resources and urban planning tools to enable our community to reuse and recycle more used materials.

To complement the NSW Waste Strategy and Council's ECC Strategy, Northern Beaches Council is developing a long-term waste and circular economy strategy. One of the aims of this strategy will be to help to develop a local circular economy network.

Charity Clothing Drop-off Days

Council has established and run annual Charity Clothing Drop-off Days to help assist the Northern Beaches community in transition to a circular economy. The events are run in partnership with charities such as the Australian Red Cross and St Vincent De Paul. The focus is to collect quality preloved donations that charities can reuse or sell or use for welfare purposes. Residents drive to a designated location to drop off their clothing donations. These Drop-off Days have been well received by the community and helped charities to receive much needed donations.

Opportunity for Additional Community Drop Off Events

To complement the current Charity Clothing Drop-off Days and maximise the circularity of other unwanted item/s generated in the Northern Beaches area, Council seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from interested parties to partner with Council to manage and run additional community drop off events for specific types of preloved items.

The items proposed for collection must:

- be reused, repaired, shared, rented, resold or recycled after the collection
- not be items that are currently collected for recycling by Council.

Each community drop off event would consist of a one day event, for Northern Beaches residents to drop off a specific type of unwanted household item/s or multiple types of items at no charge to avoid the item/s ending up in landfill. E.g. Your item/s collected by your organisation, clothing collected by a charity, timber collected by Kimbriki etc at the same one day event. The structure of the day will be at Council discretion.

Examples of possible household items for collection are, but not limited to bikes, timber, child seats, polystyrene, baby goods, toys, manchester, bric-à-brac etc.

The drop off events would consist of residents driving/walking into a designated location such as a carpark or reserve on the Northern Beaches to drop off their items to be collected for reuse, repair, sharing, resale or recycling. Residents would remain in their vehicles or present to a designated walk in drop off area and staff/volunteers representing the successful applicant would collect items from the rear/boot of their cars or in person and place in collection containers or directly into a truck/van.

At the end of the event, the successful applicant arranges for the items collected to be removed from the site and reused, repaired, shared, rented, resold or recycled.

There is an opportunity for up to 4 possible drop off events in the 2023-24 financial year. The dates and locations (in different areas across the LGA) will be nominated by Council.

Proponents can also propose other innovative event or collection models for materials that are not part of Councils general household recycling.

Funding

Residents must not incur any fee to drop off the household item/s at the event.

Any profit from the initiative must be derived from the reuse, repair, share, rent, resale or recycling of the items/goods collected.

Council does not intend to pay an organisation to set up or operate on a commercial basis, nor cover any operational expenses of the business.

The Community Drop Off Event (or other innovative event or collection model) must:

- allow residents to drop off the household item/s at the event free of charge
- maximise the circularity of a particular unwanted household item/s generated in the Northern Beaches area.

Northern Beaches Council will provide the following for a Community Drop Off Event:
(Or for other innovative event or collection model if applicable):

- Outdoor venue to host the drop off day (based on availability).
- Waste Education staff who will partner with the successful party/ies to plan the event.
- Up to 4 Waste Education staff to assist on the event day.
- Traffic Control Plan and Traffic Control staff to manage vehicle entry / traffic flow / vehicles exiting the event site. They will bring with them all the necessary traffic control equipment and signage.
- Event signage such as Directional signage that reads something like: “Clothing CleanOut Event – Drop off today 10am – 3pm”, “Items not accepted” and “Safety Notice” if applicable.
- A dedicated webpage for the drop off day event on Council’s website under waste reduction events as well as Council’s What’s on page.

- Inclusion in Council's Community Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) in the leadup to the event.
- Facebook post promoting the event in the days prior.

Eligibility Criteria

Proposals will be considered favourably which:

- have the potential to recover a significant quantity of an item that would otherwise go to landfill
- demonstrate 'whole of supply chain approach' in addressing collection, transport, recycling/repurposing and/or end markets for your specified item/s
- have a collection system in place which maintains the quality of your specified item/s
- demonstrate how the collected materials will be ethically reused, repaired, shared, rented, resold or recycled
- complement Council's existing circular economy events and programs and recycling system, and other circular economy initiatives in the Northern Beaches (including online networks).

Exclusions

- Food
- Chemicals, liquids or hazardous waste.

Northern Beaches Council reserves the right at its sole discretion to accept, progress, or take no further action on any or all of the received EOIs. Council will respond to each party submitting an EOI and advise if their proposal is being considered for further action or not.

To discuss your event, clarify the eligibility criteria, or need help accessing the online application form please contact: Northern Beaches Council Waste Education Team on 1300 434 434 or email WasteEducation@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.