



SHIRE OF NANNUP WASTE DISPOSAL SITE REUSE/TIP SHOP

What are Reuse/Tip shops?

Reuse or Tip shops accept and sell reusable items and can be established at waste collection sites, such as transfer stations and landfills. These shops may be known by a range of names including tip shops, recycle shops or trash and treasure shops.

Reuse shops provide an opportunity and encouragement for local communities to extend the life of reusable materials rather than disposing of them to landfill. Reusable items can be made available to communities for purchase or at no cost. The sale of reusable products can provide Local Governments with a source of revenue (Any revenue raised through the shop can be used to offset Local Government operational costs or other Local Government priorities) while also reducing the cost of landfill. Reuse shops can also provide additional benefits to the community, by providing lower cost goods and employment opportunities.

Product Acceptance Criteria and Shop Set up

The Aim:

- To Establish clear Product Acceptance Criteria for the Reuse Shop, with reference to Australian Mandatory Safety Standards or Bans and Saleability of items.
- Provide a safe work environment for employees and customers using the shop.



Avoiding sale of unsafe second hand products

While the potential sale and reuse of items is useful in all sorts of ways, unfortunately there can be a number of reasons that this cannot occur and in the instance an item or items must go to landfill or be recycled it is to prevent possible injury or harm to individuals using that item.

The Shire of Nannup will encourage and welcome the public to offer useful items up for reuse/resale through the Reuse/Tip Shop and will continue to collect items if suitable for resale. If you visit the Waste

Disposal Site with an item that you think can be resold but are unsure, please speak to the Waste Site Attendant who can advise. The Waste Site Attendant will assess each item on its merit and carefully check it to ensure that it is safe to resell.

The Waste Site Attendant will visually and physically check second-hand products for -

- Damage that may cause weakness and make it unsafe for reuse
- Has all parts and works correctly
- Has no tears, sharp edges or points
- Has no changes made that will make the product unsafe?
- Has no history of having been in an accident and damaged?
- Can be fixed by the original supplier
- Check for Bans or Mandatory Standards that may apply
- Check for recalls

There are certain items that cannot be resold and supply of reusable items at Reuse Shops must comply with mandatory standards. Mandatory standards set the requirements for appropriate safety or information features on a product. There are also a number of products that cannot be sold or passed on in Australia and the sale of these products is banned.

Two primary considerations drive whether a product should be accepted by the Reuse shop – is the material safe and is it saleable. In developing a Product Acceptance Criteria, legal considerations include:

1. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) advice on avoiding unsafe products
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Product Safety Mandatory Standards and Bans.



Applicable Legislation

Mandatory Safety Standards & Bans

The Australian Consumer Law (ACL) is a schedule to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and is administered by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). The ACL has provisions on product safety, which includes mandatory safety standards and bans. Standards are defined as documents that set out specifications and procedures that ensure products, services and systems are safe, reliable and consistently perform as intended. Mandatory standards set the requirements for appropriate safety or information features on a product. Supply of reusable items at Reuse shops must comply with mandatory standards. The ACCC recommends that checks for mandatory standards and bans be undertaken when selling products second hand.

Further detailed information on Mandatory Safety Standards and Bans is available from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Infocentre: 1300 302 502

www.productsafety.gov.au

www.recalls.gov.au

<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/product-safety-laws/safety-standards-bans/mandatory-standards>

Electrical Standards

If electrical equipment or household appliance are going to be sold or given away at a Reuse Shop, then the Western Australian Electricity Act 1945 and the Electricity Regulations 1947 apply. For the protection of both the customer and the people selling electrical appliances or equipment, there are requirements that all electrical appliances or equipment sold are in a safe condition.

Reuse shops selling electrical equipment must ensure that all items are safe and appropriately inspected, tested and maintained by a competent person. Only persons that have been certified as competent should inspect, test and tag electrical equipment for sale at Reuse shops.



As the Shire of Nannup does not provide this service Electrical items brought to the Shire of Nannup waste site will not be accepted for resale instead these items will be recycled as metal waste or disposed to landfill.

Further information on selling used electrical appliances or equipment is available from the Government of Western Australia Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

Phone: 08 6251 1900

Email: energysafety@dmirs.wa.gov.au

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/energysafety/appliance-and-equipment-approval-0>

LPG Gas Appliances and LPG Gas Bottles

The community expects that gas appliances they use are safe. "Safe" means that no significant risk of injury or death to any person, or damage to any property is likely to result from the proper use of the appliances or equipment. Legislation requires retailers to ensure that domestic appliances sold comply with appropriate Australian safety standards.

As the Shire of Nannup is not in a position to guarantee the safety of a second hand gas appliance or product, gas appliances and/or gas bottles will not be resold but will be recycled. Please note it is preferable that Gas bottles be returned to the hirer or point of sale and if not possible should be decanted before bringing to the Waste Disposal Site.



Shop Set up: Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S)

Consistent with Local Governments general responsibilities as an employer, we must comply with the occupational Health and Safety Act 1984, which establishes the statutory framework for providing a safe working environment. Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act we have an obligation and duty of care to provide a safe workplace. This includes employers, employees, self-employed persons and others such as visitors who may be in that workplace.

The Reuse/Tip Shop is a workplace and persons visiting must comply with the directions and/or instructions that may be given by the Site Attendant or other shire employees at the site. Visitors to the shop and surrounds must also comply with directional, instructional or warning signs that may be present. If you are unsure of what may be required of you, please speak to the Site Attendant who will be able to assist.

The Shire of Nannup hopes that your visit to our Waste Disposal Facility Reuse/Tip Shop is a pleasant one and you find something that can be of use to you.

For any enquiries please speak to our Site Attendant or call 08 9756 1018

