

BULKY WASTE

Bulky Waste Benefits of Recycling

Bulky goods can be defined as items that are too large to fit in a normal conventional waste container/bin and therefore cannot be handled by normal processing, collection and disposal methods. Bulky goods include items that can be reused or recycled such as furniture (sofas, soft furnishings, beds, mattresses, carpeting, cupboards, tables, chairs) as well as fencing and DIY off-cuts.

Many of these bulky items can be reused or recycled, so dumping of them is unacceptable. Most furniture consists of timber in some form and recycling facilities for timber are increasingly expanding. Various types of timber can be recycled.

- 🔄 Soft and hardwood waste
- 🔄 Pallets
- 🔄 Packaging timber waste
- 🔄 Timber cut-offs
- 🔄 Fencing
- 🔄 Floorboards
- 🔄 Plywood.

The benefits of recovery of this material is that it reduces the amount of wood and timber waste being sent to landfill and as the recycling of timber grows, it reduces the need for new timber to be produced. Timber is normally collected in unchipped form, sent to a facility where it is shredded to chip form and then it can be sent to outlets where the chipped timber can be used as a raw material, i.e. as a fuel, to make chipboard.

How to Reuse Bulky Items

1. Bulky items such as furniture can be reused by donating them to charitable organisations for resale.
2. They can be reused by revamping them, and using them in other parts of your home.
3. For carpets, reuse can involve using leftover pieces for rugs or mats.

How to Recycle Bulky Items

Furniture can be shredded and the wood chips used as mulches for composting. It is important to note that wood that is treated with varnish etc. cannot be used for composting. Wood chips and wood pellets can also be used as wood fuel as these are highly efficient sources of energy.

