



MANORESTATES
Housing Association



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This leaflet is designed to provide information on recycling and waste disposal options for residents. It is hoped that by providing this information, we will see less incidents of items being dumped in common areas and encourage recycling of re-usable items as much as possible.

RE-USE OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

This section provides advice and information about how to donate good quality household items for re-use.

COMMUNITY RE-CYCLING CENTRES

There are three Community Recycling Centres in Edinburgh, all of which now have "Reuse Cabins". These are run by the Edinburgh Furniture Initiative and you can leave good quality second hand items there for the charity to donate to a person in need within Edinburgh. The centres are located at Craigmillar, Seafield and Sighthill.

You can also dispose of household waste and items for recycling at these centres. For more details, see the table at the end of this leaflet. You can take your car into all of the centres but they will not allow vans except at Sighthill. Call the City of Edinburgh Council (0131 608 1100) for more details.

DISPOSING OF LARGE SCALE ITEMS

If you are moving out of your house, you must remove everything that is yours, including carpets. We do charge outgoing tenants for the costs of uplifting items left in empty properties. If you have items of furniture that you don't want to take with you but you feel would be of use to someone else, please contact one of the organisations referred to above.

COLLECTION FROM YOUR HOME

You can contact the list overleaf of charitable organisations who can collect items from your home. If you are donating mattresses or sofas, they must be stain free and fire retardant (if they are, there will be a label stating this on the item). Please remember that they will not collect items that are broken, unsafe or in poor condition.



CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS WHO CAN RE-USE ITEMS

Organisation	Area they will collect from	What they cannot re-use	Contact details
Bethany Christian Trust	City of Edinburgh area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Carpets ❖ Mattresses, sofas and armchairs which are not fire retardant ❖ Gas cookers/electric cookers – no white goods 	0131 561 8904
Edinburgh Furniture Initiative	City of Edinburgh area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mattresses, sofas and armchairs which are not fire retardant ❖ PC's, TV's, Videos and Stereo Systems ❖ Gas Cookers 	0131 557 7900
CHAI	City of Edinburgh area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mattresses, sofas and armchairs which are not fire retardant ❖ Large glass items like glass fronted display cabinets and some glass coffee tables. ❖ Gas Cookers 	0131 442 2100

SPECIAL UPLIFTS

If you have household items you need to be uplifted from your home which will not be removed through normal refuse collection, you can ask for a special uplift. There is a charge for this service: £5.00 for one item.

If you wish to arrange a special uplift, you should call:

**City of Edinburgh Council
Environment, Rubbish Waste and Recycling Waste
Services**

31-33 Murrayburn Road

EDINBURGH

EH14 2TF

Tel : 0131-608-1100

Email waste@edinburgh.gov.uk
www.edinburgh.gov.uk

Remember - it is a breach of local bylaws to put rubbish and items for collection in the street until the day of collection!

UNAUTHORISED DUMPING OF RUBBISH AND OTHER ITEMS

We get a lot of calls from tenants and owners complaining that someone has dumped items in their common close or common back green.

If you see someone dumping rubbish you must tell us who it was and when it happened. This allows us to take appropriate action to ensure the culprit either clears up the mess or is charged for any clearing up we have to carry out.

If you do tell us, it is in confidence and we will not tell the culprit who has informed us.

If you do not know who has dumped the items, our options are more limited.

If the dumped items are household waste, we can ask Environmental Health Wardens to assist us in identifying whose rubbish it is and then we would deal directly with the household in question.

Unfortunately, the items most commonly dumped are not identifiable; bed bases, mattresses and other household furniture items cannot be traced back to the person who dumped them. If no-one can tell us who dumped them, we can arrange to clear up the items, but we have to share the costs of this amongst all the residents sharing that common area.

We can also arrange a stair mediation meeting where all residents would get together and come up with their own solution to the problem. This approach also works well for issues concerning common stair cleaning.

The reason we have to charge is because we are a registered charity which does not operate at a profit. Our income is made up entirely through the rent we charge and we have to keep monies aside to pay for future major works such as upgrading and replacing central heating systems, kitchens, bathrooms and windows. Put simply, the more money we spend on uplifting rubbish from common areas, the less we have to spend on our property and the services we provide.

You can help reduce the chances of someone dumping rubbish in your common area by doing the following:

- ❖ If your common stair door has a lock and door entry system, make sure it locked at all times and access is only given to people with genuine business in the stair;
- ❖ Tell us straight away if you see someone who lives in your common stair dumping rubbish;
- ❖ Don't put rubbish or special uplift items out until the day of collection as this can encourage other people to dump rubbish on top of yours. If this happens, the Council will not pick up the item originally planned for uplift.

If you have any further queries about these issues please contact our office: Tel: 0131 510 8540, Suite 4, 5 New Mart Place, Edinburgh, EH14 1RW.

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We can arrange to have information translated into most languages - please contact the office for further information.

We can also provide information in alternative formats (for example, large font or on CD) - again, contact the office for further details.