

Donating Goods

Our Village gratefully receives goods donations for babies and children.

We ask for all donations to be in excellent, clean condition because we hope that anyone who receives an Our Village package feels like they have received a gift that has been prepared with care and thoughtfulness

Please see a list of what we can rehome on the following pages. If you have any questions about your donations please don't hesitate to email us at hello@ourvillage.org.au

Clothes & Shoes

Clothing for babies and children

We rehome all clothing in excellent, clean condition:

- Sizes from birth 00000 to size 16 youth/teen – no hoods on any clothing up to size 1.
- Pyjamas and sleepwear.
- Gro-bags and sleeping bags for babies (see Sleeping below).
- Underwear and socks in new or near-new condition.
- Hand knitted or crocheted clothing, beanies, booties and scarves.

Please pack clothing into bags with the size and gender clearly labelled to help us sort stock as quickly as possible.

Shoes for children

We rehome children's shoes, from baby to youth size 7 (approx up to 16 years).

Please clean/wash them before donating, we ask them to be in excellent/near new condition.

We don't rehome adult clothes, maternity clothes (including bras), uniforms or sport specific shoes like footy boots or dance shoes.

Sleeping

Cot and cot mattress

Please donate a household cot that was bought in Australia and New Zealand with a manufacture date of 2005 or later. We cannot rehome cots without a date stamp.

All cots must be disassembled with all hardware – screws, bolts and glider pins removed from the cot and placed in a plastic bag with the assembly manual. Please tape the bag to the base slats so the hardware doesn't get lost. A traditional cot has 5 pieces (or panels): 1 base, 2 sides and 2 ends. If any of these parts or pieces are missing, please let us know.

If it has a drop side, please ensure it works well and that it is not fully plastic or with metal rods.

If you have the mattress that matches the cot, please include it if it is a firm mattress, in excellent condition with no marks, tears or stains.



Bassinets

Please donate a bassinet that has a wide stable base and firm sides (at least 400mm high) made of breathable panels. (See examples of styles below).

If it has a firm (no more than 75mm high), snug fitting and clean mattress, please include it with the bassinet.



Linen

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We rehome linen for bassinets, cots and single beds, including:

- Mattress protectors.
- Flat and fitted sheets.
- Pillowcases (standard pillow size only).
- Doona covers (Single only – no doonas),
- Towels and Facewashers.
- Blankets – bassinet, cot or single bed size. No weighted blankets.
- Hand knits – our recommended sizing for single bed blankets is approximately 160cm x 200cm, cot blankets are 120cm x 150cm and for bassinet blankets are 100cm x 80cm. These are an essential part of our linen bundles and we need donations of blankets more than any other knitted item. If you would like to donate crochet squares that our volunteers can sew together for a blanket, please make them between 15cm and 25cm.
- Gro-bags, sleeping bags and wraps – We rehome gro-bags or infant sleeping bags, but only those with holes for arms or sleeves, and no hoods. We rehome swaddles only if they are donated in the original packaging or with the instructions for safe use. We rehome muslin, jersey, cotton etc baby wraps and bunny rugs.

We do not rehome soft bedding such as pillows, quilts, duvets and bumpers. For more information about why, please refer to the [Red Nose Foundation](#).

Transport

Car Restraints

We rehome **capsule**, **reversible**, **toddler** or **booster** car seats (not foam or foldable and with a tether strap), they all need to have:

- Be **less than 8 years old** by the month and year of manufacture (the date of manufacture sticker can be located on the base/side usually)



- A red sticker displaying the standard **AS/NZS 1754**.



- **NOT** have been in an accident (however minor) or come from hard rubbish.

Transport (cont)

Booster styles (with back and tether strap)

Please read [our article](#) for more information about the importance of car seats.



Prams and strollers

Please donate a pram or stroller that includes **all** of the following:

- Good, clean condition (no mould or rust).
- A 5-point harness.
- A fully reclining back so a baby can lie flat.
- Working brakes.
- Carry basket underneath.
- Sunhood.

We always need pram accessories like footmuffs, snugglers, sunshades and rain covers for single and double prams and strollers. We can rehome a pram bassinet only if it is donated with the matching pram.

Examples (right) of pram/stroller styles we do and don't rehome.



Baby carriers

Baby carriers worn on the front of the body with the baby in an upright position. Please ensure they have working buckles and no fraying. Instructions should be included where possible. Please see below for styles we can and can't rehome.



Play & Learn

Activity mats or baby gyms

Fabric activity mats and play gyms.



Bouncers or rockers

We rehome bouncers and rockers, including battery operated ones, if they are less than ten years old with a three or five point safety harness. We are unable to rehome large mains powered swings.

Books for children

Suitable for children up to the age of 16 years, including unused colouring and activity books.

Stationery, arts and crafts

Pencils, textas, scrap books, exercise books, rulers, erasers, unused colouring and activity books. Art and craft items that are unused and in excellent condition.

Toys, games and puzzles

We can rehome the following toys, games and puzzles:

- Toys that are smaller than 30cm in size – as the families we support do not have the space to hold large toys.
- Games – please make sure they have all their parts stored together.
- Puzzles – please make sure they have all their parts stored together.
- Building blocks.
- Knitted toys (no beans, no hard eyes/noses, no ties).
- Small, brand new soft toys (no beans, no hard eyes/noses, no batteries).
- All are in excellent, clean condition.

Please ensure that none of the toys donated have batteries, as we do not rehome battery operated toys.

Feeding

Bibs

Bibs with domes/press studs. We don't rehome bibs with ties.

Bottles and feeding equipment

Bottles (plastic only), teats, children's plates, bowls, cutlery, sippy cups, drink bottles and lunch boxes.

Breast pumps

Manual breast pumps only please (not electric or with batteries). Please make sure all parts are in near new condition and clean.

Sterilisers

Microwave sterilisers only please (no electrical items).

Highchairs

We rehome freestanding highchairs that have a safety harness and a tray. Please ensure they are in good, clean condition (no mould, rust or cracked/brittle plastic) and if it has castors, please check that the brakes work.

Examples of highchairs we do and do not rehome:



Safety

Safety gates

Please donate pressure mounted safety gates (not hardware mounted – screw into walls).

Please include adjuster screws and bolts, suction cups for mounting on the wall, any extension bolts etc in a clear plastic zip lock bag, taped to the gate.



Hygiene & Care

Baby baths

Please donate baths that are clean and have a plug (if required).

No bath stands or seats please.



Change mats

Foam or vinyl covered change mats only, clean and in excellent condition.

Change tables that fold

We rehome a change table that folds and has sides more than 10cm higher than the level of the foam mat. Preferably it also has a safety strap that does up over the baby's tummy.

Check [our article](#) for more information about change table safety.

Examples of change tables we do and do not rehome:



Maternity pads

Unopened packs or loose if individually wrapped.

Nappies – disposable and cloth

We rehome **disposable** nappies in all sizes that are loose or from opened or unopened packets.

We also rehome as-new, modern, **cloth nappies** in all styles and sizes. Please make sure they are clean, without stains, before donating.

Nappy bags

We can rehome clean, as new nappy bags.

Nursing pads

Unopened packs or loose if individually wrapped.

Toiletries

Toiletries for babies, children and adults that are new or unopened and with at least 3 months before expiry (if there is an expiry date).

Some examples include nappy cream, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, tampons, sanitary pads etc.

Toiletry bags

We rehome clean, as new toiletry bags.

Wipes

New or unopened packets only.

Things we don't rehome

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| ■ Adult clothes | ■ White goods |
| ■ Maternity clothes (including bras) | ■ Potties/ toilet seat stands |
| ■ Uniforms or sport specific shoes like footy boots or dance shoes | ■ Formula |
| ■ Soft bedding such as pillows, quilts, duvets and bumpers | ■ Safety items - (please note we DO accept safety gates) |
| ■ Bath stands or seats | ■ Breastfeeding/pregnancy pillows |
| ■ Battery operated toys | ■ Playpens |
| ■ Electrical items | ■ Portacots |
| ■ Household furniture - including toddler and single beds | |



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