



Council Information

Trailer Safety

Securing loads and safely towing your trailer reduces risks to yourself and others. Please take time to read this information to ensure you are not placing yourself or other road users in danger while towing your trailer.

Towing Vehicle

Stress is placed on the towing vehicle due to the extra weight of the trailer. Make sure your car is in good condition, paying special attention to the tyres, brakes, and suspension. Check your vehicle's handbook to make sure it is suitable for towing.

Towing a trailer increases the fuel consumption of your vehicle, as well as increasing the rate of wear and tear. This all adds to the operating costs of your car. The environmental impacts are also increased, especially if unsecured loads cause littering.

Trailer

Check trailer tyres regularly as they can deteriorate faster if sitting idle and exposed to the weather. Indicators and lights must also be checked before each journey.

Securing Loads

Unsecured loads can cause injuries to other drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

Waste can also pose a threat to the environment, with litter often ending up in our streets, drains, parks, and waterways.

Council encourages the community to report incidences of littering to the Environment Protection Authority's Litter Report Line on 1800 352 555.

The following tips can help you get your load safely to its destination:

- Garden waste or other light items should be covered with tarpaulins so they can't fall out
- Dampen soil or sand before transporting to minimise dust
- Ensure rope and straps are in good condition and are tied with firm knots
- Some loads may be more secure with webbing straps or nets rather than ropes
- Evenly distribute the loads and secure each item to prevent movement within the trailer
- Anti-slip mats are a good way to prevent items from sliding
- Fill spaces and gaps with secured items
- Loads must not hang over wheel guards, lights or number plates
- Always unload at authorised places because dumping loads is an offence
- Keep a bag in your car for personal rubbish

Driving with a Trailer

Practice makes perfect when it comes to towing a trailer, especially when it comes to reversing. Have a few test runs in quiet streets before venturing onto busy roads.

Acceleration will be slower with a trailer attached, and it will take longer to brake. Therefore, larger gaps between the car in front of you is needed. You will also need more room to manoeuvre, so avoid sharp corners. Check your load along the way to make the load is still secure.

Regulations

The Road Safety Act and Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations set out the legal requirements for towing and the penalties for non-compliance.

Further information can be found on the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

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City of Whitehorse Council Information

Whitehorse Recycling and Waste Transfer Centre

Council's Recycling and Waste Transfer Centre is located on the corner Burwood Highway and Morack Road, Vermont South.

The centre is open every day between 6:30am - 4pm.

It is closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Christmas Eve opening hours are 6:30am - 12noon.

Please note: hazardous materials are not permitted (eg paints and other chemicals, asbestos, and empty gas bottles).

For information about these items, please contact Sustainability Victoria on 1800 35 32 33.

Car batteries are accepted.

Please contact Council for the current load and item prices. Excess household recyclables are generally free.

For more information

Please phone 9262 6236 or visit:

www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Whitehorse-Recycling-Waste-Transfer-Centre.html