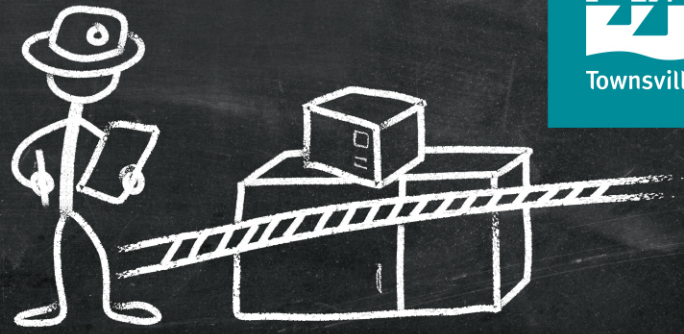


DOB IN A DUMPER



SAFEGUARDING TOWNSVILLES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Illegally dumped items are a lost resource. Many items can be reused or recycled – including garden organic material, beverage and food containers, white goods, computers, tyres and car bodies.

Illegally dumped waste is commonly found along roadsides, in parklands, car parks, vacant blocks of land, and beside charity bins, garbage bins or skips.

Larger items are frequently found in illegal dumping 'Hot Spots' located in isolated areas like bush land reserves, national parks, and industrial and building sites.

Illegal dumping is unsightly, degrades the local environment, and reduces property values and costs rate payers a substantial amount of money each year to clean up.

Illegal dumping attracts further dumping and other antisocial and illegal activities, and decreases community pride and intensifies the problem.

Businesses and individuals that illegally dump do so to avoid disposal fees at landfills, or the time and effort required for proper disposal. To avoid detection and potential fines, offenders go to extraordinary lengths to illegally dispose of materials. If they considered the cost of fuel and time taken to dispose of the waste, they would usually find it is cheaper and quicker to dispose of these materials legally at one of council's landfills or transfer stations.

WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Illegal dumping has been defined as the deposit of waste at a place that is an amount more than 200L volume. Common items which are illegally dumped include bags of rubbish, garden waste, building materials, white goods, mattresses, furniture, abandoned cars, and car parts and scrap tyres.

OUR LAWS

Illegal dumping is a crime under new laws that come into effect under the Waste Reduction & Recycling Act 2011.

These laws include offences such as:

- General littering,
- Littering from a vehicle,
- Dangerous littering,
- Illegal dumping,
- Failing to clean up waste.

Local governments and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) have a shared responsibility for enforcement of these laws. Authorised officers from council and DEHP can issue on-the-spot fines and Compliance Notices for litter and illegal dumping offences.

DIRECTION TO REMOVE WASTE

A Compliance Notice can be issued for illegal dumping. This may require the offender to collect, transport, store, treat or dispose of the dumped waste. It also ensures the responsible party covers relative costs in relation to the clean-up. A person who is requested to clean up their litter or illegally dumped waste and does not comply with his request, may face legal action and subsequent penalties of up to \$35,340.

THE CITY IS WATCHING YOU

Illegal dumping is a major issue for our environmental health and costs the city and its ratepayers in time and money to remove it and to repair the damage done. To manage and prevent illegal dumping Townsville City Council has a number of surveillance cameras installed in known 'hot spots'. These cameras are moved regularly to maximise their effectiveness.

The cameras and our officers can't be everywhere all the time. We rely on the community to report illegal dumping as well. Reporting forms are available on the Townsville City Council website at: www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

You can also download the free smart phone application iCouncil, from the iTunes store to conveniently report a problem directly to our Customer Service Centre.

WHERE CAN I LEGALLY DISPOSE OF MY WASTE?

Transfer Stations

Location	Waste accepted	Opening Hours	Closures
Toomulla Toomulla Beach Road, Toomulla	Domestic waste only. Commercial customers are not able to use this facility.	Saturday only 7.30am to 4.30pm	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day
Bluewater Bluewater Drive, Bluewater	Domestic waste only. Commercial customers are not able to use this facility.	Sunday only 7.30am to 4.30pm	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Landfill and Transfer Stations

Location	Waste accepted	Opening Hours	Closures
Hervey Range Hervey Range Road, Bohle Plains	Domestic recycling facilities available	6.30am to 5.45pm daily	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day
	Hazardous waste accepted	7:30am to 4:30pm daily ONLY	
Jensen Geaneys Lane, Deeragun	Domestic recycling facilities available	6.30am to 5.45pm daily	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day
	Hazardous waste accepted	7:30am to 4:30pm daily ONLY	

Landfills

Location	Waste accepted	Opening Hours	Closures
Stuart 24 Vantassel Street, Stuart	Domestic recycling facilities available	6.30am to 5.45pm daily	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day
	Hazardous waste accepted	7:30am to 4:30pm daily ONLY	
Magnetic Island Hurst Street, Picnic Bay	This facility does not accept construction and demolition waste and regulated waste.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7am to 3.45pm Saturday, Sunday: 11am to 1.45pm	Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

For more information about facilities available at council's transfer stations and landfills, visit:

www.townsville.qld.gov.au/resident/waste/Pages/wastefacilities.aspx

MORE INFORMATION & CONTACTING COUNCIL

If you require any further information about this or any other Litter or Illegal Dumping issue, please call Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 878 001.

Alternatively a range of Fact Sheets along with information regarding other Litter and Illegal Dumping issues can be accessed by visiting the Townsville City Council website www.townsville.qld.gov.au and following the links to Litter and Illegal Dumping.