

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL—PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011



DUMPING GREEN WASTE IS HARMFUL

The illegal dumping of green waste in Townsville's natural areas, waterways and other land can lead to devastating environmental impacts and cost millions of dollars to clean up.

Green waste is general garden waste such as plants, palm fronds, tree and lawn clippings.

The impacts of illegally dumped green waste include:

- » blocked waterways and drainage systems that increase the risk of erosion and flooding
- » the introduction or spread of pest species and weeds that take over natural areas and destroy native plant habitats
- » the introduction of pest animals and diseases
- » increased risk of fires with the waste acting as a self-ignition and fuel source
- » attraction of wildlife, including an increased risk of snakes.

FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

Under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*, individuals can be fined more than \$2000 for dumping their waste illegally. Council officers regularly inspect illegal dumping hot spots and take appropriate enforcement action to resolve the issue.

FREE DISPOSAL OF GREEN WASTE

Unlimited domestic green waste can be disposed of for **FREE** at any of Townsville City Council's waste facilities. Waste facility locations and opening hours are found on Council's website.

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Phone: 13 48 10

Email: enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au

Lodge using an app:

- » Android: Snap Send Solve
- » iPhone/iPad: iCouncil

MORE INFORMATION

If you need more information, visit Council's website townsville.qld.gov.au, or call Council's Customer Service Centre on 13 48 10.

