



Dumping Garden Rubbish is not OK

Garden rubbish or green waste is any organic material from your garden, including:

- Lawn clippings
- Palm fronds
- Branches
- Weeds
- Leaves
- Seeds & fruits
- Soil
- Unwanted pot plants
- Mulch



Why is dumping garden rubbish a problem?

Dumping garden rubbish into bushlands, creeks, drains, parks, and verges degrades the environmental, scenic and recreational value of our neighbourhoods.

- Garden rubbish contains garden plant seeds and parts that can invade our bushland.
- Garden rubbish smothers native plants, leaving space for weeds to grow.
- Increased nutrients from garden rubbish can deter native species and encourage weeds.
- Garden rubbish blocks fire trails and increases fire risk to nearby properties and fire fighters.
- Garden rubbish dumps and weed infestations increase work for our Bushcare volunteers and Council bush regenerators and increases management costs.
- Weed infestations reduce the diversity of our bushland and reduces wildlife habitat.

How can I help?

- Compost or mulch garden rubbish.
- Request and use a Council green waste bin where available.
<https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/environment-waste/waste-recycling/onlinewaste-forms>
- Take your garden rubbish to green waste at the tip.
- Garden with low maintenance plants.
- Use a green waste disposal business.

Illegal Dumping

Garden rubbish dumping and other waste dumping is illegal and can attract penalties, starting at \$322 for littering (less than 200 litres) and \$2,580 for illegal dumping (200 litres or more) for individuals and \$1,613 for littering and \$8,065 for illegal dumping for corporations.

Report illegal dumping to Noosa Shire Council on (07) 5329 6500 or through the online waste request.

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For more information on illegal dumping visit:

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