



ILLEGAL DUMPING

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What is illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is the disposal of rubbish and waste in areas other than approved management facilities.

The illegal dumping of rubbish and waste in public reserves, bushland areas, vacant lots and on roadside verges creates a major problem for Councils and our communities.

Illegal dumping costs you and the community

Local Councils and Government Agencies bear the cost of removal, transport and correct disposal of illegally dumped material as well as associated costs for surveillance, investigation, enforcement and management of illegal dumping sites.

All of these costs are passed onto residents, ratepayers and the community as a whole.

Illegal dumping affects visual amenity and community pride

Dumped rubbish is an eyesore and ruins the beauty of our

natural areas, parks, beaches and neighbourhoods.

Dumped rubbish often attracts further illegal dumping, leading to a state of degradation to your local area.

This can reduce community pride, lower property values and may even contribute to an increase in crime.

Illegal dumping can affect human health
Dumping of hazardous waste such as asbestos, tyres and chemicals in bushlands and on roadsides poses a risk to the health of the community.

In the case of a bushfire, toxic fumes and particles from household and electrical goods, tyres, chemicals, paints, thinners and asbestos place fire fighters and residents at serious risk.



Did you know?

On the Spot fines for individuals can be as much as \$4000 and for companies, \$8000.

If you are required to attend Local Court you may face a penalty of up to \$110,000.

Repeat offenders may also face a jail sentence!





Illegal dumping pollutes our environment and **endangers flora and fauna**

Dumped waste can contain chemicals which can leach into the soil and contaminate the environment for long periods of time.

Native animals can be poisoned by toxic substances or become entangled in rubbish and die.

Illegal green waste dumping harms the environment

Dumping of garden waste including branches, lawn clippings and soil is a serious threat to our bushland reserves.

It leads to the spread of weeds, pollution of creeks with excess nutrients and blocking of drainage lines with soil. Piling of dead vegetation significantly increases the risks of a bush fire.

Did you know?

Dumped rubbish can attract vermin and pests such as rats, mice, foxes, rabbits, cockroach termites and flies.



How you can help.

1. Encourage your neighbours not to dump rubbish or green waste in bushland, parks or onto the street.
2. Contact your local council to make sure you are taking advantage of the waste and recycling services on offer. Many councils offer a number of free waste pickups each year, free days at the waste facility and/or chemical drop off days.
3. Report illegal dumping to your local Council or contact the EPA direct on 131 555. You can also report on-line at ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au If you see someone illegally dumping or acting suspiciously, note the time of day, registration number, make, model and colour of the car. A description of the person may help.



131 555

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TO REPORT AN INCIDENT
ON LINE GO TO:



Hunter/Central Coast Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad | www.ridsquad.com.au

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