

Mulch loaded for free at waste transfer stations

To assist residents to collect free garden mulch, Council is offering free loading of trailers and utes at three of its waste transfer stations in the coming weeks.

Free garden mulch is available to South Gippsland residents at any time of the year during operating hours at waste transfer stations (while stocks last), but residents normally need to manually load it themselves.

Waste Management Supervisor, Peter Roberts, said the free loading of mulch was being offered at Korumburra, Koonwarra and Venus Bay waste transfer stations on designated days to clear space for customers needing to drop off green waste.

“Council has just mulched all of the green waste at our waste transfer stations so we need to clear a bit of space to stockpile green waste as it comes in,” Mr Roberts explained. “The sites at Korumburra, Koonwarra and Venus Bay receive the most green waste each year. We hope the free loading of mulch will make it easier for residents and will encourage people to collect it for use on their gardens.”

Council’s garden mulch is made from the green waste brought in by the public and is predominantly trees, prunings and some lawn clippings.

“While Council can’t guarantee that the mulch is free of weeds or seeds, the process of inspecting all loads of green waste for noxious weeds at the point of disposal assists in improving the quality of the mulch,” Mr Roberts said.

Free loading of garden mulch will take place at the following transfer stations:

- Korumburra: 21 - 22 May (12.00pm - 4.00pm)
- Koonwarra: 28 - 29 May (10.00am - 4.00pm)
- Venus Bay: 4 - 5 June (9:30am - 3:30pm)

If you cannot attend the above mentioned waste transfer stations during the designated times, or are collecting from a station other than those listed, then you will be required to manually load it yourself. For more information on waste transfer stations and operating hours go to Council’s website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au. **PR1842 9/5/16**