

Bookings open for annual hard waste collection

South Gippsland residents can book for Council's voluntary hard waste collection service throughout July and August, with the collections to take place in September and October.

This 'user pays' service offers a convenient and affordable disposal option for residents that have hard rubbish at home but are unable to get to a transfer station to dispose of it themselves.

The service, which has now been an annual feature for the past four years, is welcomed in particular by pensioners who can resolve their space issues with a modest concession fee of \$31.

All residential properties in South Gippsland are eligible, including those in rural areas. The standard fee is \$91 per property and for those who don't have a trailer or ute, they find it a practical way to declutter their homes.

"Clutter can at best be an eyesore and at worst, a safety and health hazard," commented Peter Roberts, Council's Waste Management Coordinator. "This is a simple way to reduce risk and free up some space."

Bookings can be made by downloading a registration form from www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au or in person at Council's customer service desk at 9 Smith Street Leongatha. Payment can be made by cheque, credit card or cash if booking in person.

Once bookings are collated into locations for a streamlined collection process, Council's waste contractor will call those who have registered and provide details of the scheduled collection date, usually in September/October.

Hard waste should then be placed outside for collection, within the property boundary (where possible) and should be clearly labelled. A maximum of two cubic metres (1m wide x 1m high x 2m long) of waste will can be collected. A list of what can and can't be disposed of in this collection can be viewed on www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au (Go to Council services> Waste management > Hard waste collection) or call 5662 9200 to find out.

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