

## Free Green Waste Drop Off

South Gippsland Shire Council begins its Green Waste Amnesty this Saturday. The amnesty will run until 31 December 2017.

Residents will be able to dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations during this period.

The amnesty aims to encourage residents to remove potential fire hazards on their properties before the peak fire season.

There are several species which can't be accepted as green waste including Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Pampas Grass, Palm fronds and Cordylines. These must be disposed of in the general waste and the applicable disposal fees paid.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Management Supervisor Pete Roberts was pleased to open the free program.

"Although green waste can be disposed of at transfer stations all year for a fee, the Green Waste Amnesty is well received by the community and encourages residents to reduce the fuel load on their properties.

"As warmer weather is just around the corner it is important that Council and the community do all they can to prepare for the upcoming fire season. The amnesty period is a key aspect of that support.

Locations and operating hours of Council's transfer stations are available at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips.

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