

Free Green Waste Drop Off

South Gippsland Shire Council begins its annual Green Waste Amnesty this Saturday. The amnesty will run until 31 December 2019.

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.

In order to reduce the spread of weeds, there are several species which can't be accepted such as Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse and Pampas Grass. Species that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty including palm fronds, Yuccas, Cordylines and other related species. If any of these species are taken to a transfer station they must be disposed of as general waste with applicable disposal fees applying. Alternatively any of these species can be recycled through the kerbside green waste collection service as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Management Supervisor Pete Roberts said that the service is well utilised each year by South Gippsland Shire residents with almost two thirds of annual green waste received coming in during the amnesty period.

"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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