



## Additional Green Waste Amnesty

South Gippsland Shire Council is providing an additional green waste amnesty from Monday 10 February until Tuesday 10 March. Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations during this period.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Waste Management Supervisor Pete Roberts said the occurrence of increased fire activity in Gippsland warranted an additional amnesty to help residents to remove potential fire hazards on their properties.

"The annual green waste amnesty that runs from Melbourne Cup weekend until the end of December was very popular with residents, but recent hot weather and increased fire danger has highlighted the importance of Council and the community doing all they can to lessen fire risk by removing or reducing fuel loads. This additional amnesty period is a key aspect of that support.

"Although green waste can be disposed of at transfer stations all year for a fee, history has shown that green waste amnesties are well received by the community," said Mr. Roberts.

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.

Locations and operating hours of Council's transfer stations are available at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips)

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