

## Free Green Waste Disposal at Transfer Stations

South Gippsland Shire Council's annual Green Waste Amnesty has commenced and will run until 31 December.

Residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations during this period.

The amnesty aims to encourage residents to prepare their properties for the fire season by removing potential fire hazards.

However, to improve the quality of the mulch produced, there are several species of weeds that are not accepted as green waste, including Blackberry, Ragwort, Broom, Mirror Bush, Kikuyu Grass, Hawthorn, Cape Weed, Gorse, Blue Butterfly Bush and Pampas Grass. Species that are difficult to mulch properly are also not included in the amnesty, such as 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 disposed of through the kerbside green waste collection service as this material is subjected to a different composting process.

### **Quote attributable to Peter Roberts, Waste Management Supervisor at South Gippsland Shire Council:**

“Although green waste can be disposed of at transfer stations and through the green kerbside bin all year round, the Green Waste Amnesty is well received by the community and encourages residents to reduce the fuel load on their properties.”

“This period is also well used by residents from other regions who have property in South Gippsland. It gives them a great opportunity to clear up their property in preparation for the peak of the fire season.”

“The warmer weather is just around the corner, so it is important that we all do what we can to prepare. Even with wetter than normal conditions across much of the State, we cannot be complacent. Fire is still a real danger as we head into the Summer months.”

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