

MEDIA RELEASE



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Time to get RID of Illegal Dumping

Illegally dumped waste is all too familiar a sight in the X Shire. It might be a pile of tyres by the road side, an old mattress in a bush reserve or a broken TV and other unwanted household items left on the kerbside.

They are all types of illegal dumping and last year there were xxx dumping incidents reported in the shire, most of which were household waste dumped on kerbsides and in public parks and reserves. This resulted in an estimated cost to Council and the community of more than \$xx,xxx for collection and safe disposal.

XX, of X Council said “illegal dumping is a totally unacceptable and costly problem that can be a health hazard to both people and wildlife and can result in the spread of weeds and the pollution of our waterways. It is certainly a bad look for our beautiful shire and an eyesore for locals and tourists alike and it’s time we got rid of it”.

“As we head into the busy holiday season Council is working in partnership with North East Waste, a regional waste group with 7 member councils including X and the NSW Environment Protection Authority to tackle this issue head on by ramping up our surveillance and clamping down on dumpers. With on the spot fines for dumping starting at \$4,000, it simply isn’t worth the risk when there are so many other options to deal responsibly with waste and unwanted items” XX said.

Council is calling on the community to help get rid of illegal dumping and keep the X shire beautiful by reporting any dumping incidents directly to Council on xxxx xxxx or via www.ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au

The sooner reports are received, the quicker Council can investigate and the more chance there is of finding and fining those responsible.

To find out more about Council’s waste and recycling services go to X and search ‘waste’. For further information on illegal dumping go to www.illegaldumping.com.au

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Photo caption: Most illegal dumping incidences are of household waste left on kerbsides and in public parks and reserves.

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