



ILLEGAL DUMPING

Littering and illegal dumping not only make our city and natural areas look dirty and uncared for it can have significant health, safety, financial and environmental impacts.

Illegal dumping

It is an offence to dump or dispose of waste on public land, or on private land without the consent of the owner.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Nature strips
- Suburban parks
- Natural reserves
- Creek banks
- Road reserves
- Easements
- Beaches
- Private land

Even garden waste (including grass clippings) that is dumped in these areas can create problems, such as:

- Reducing the amenity of the neighbourhood
- Blocking stormwater drains and increasing flood risk
- Attracting rats and snakes
- Breeding mosquitos
- Significant clean up costs

Our responsibilities

If we can identify the person responsible for illegal dumping, we can:

- Issue a show cause and compliance notices
- Fine the offender
- Prosecute the offender in court

Penalty

We can issue fines of up to \$3,096 for an individual and \$11,610 for a corporation.

See it – Report it – Stop it

Please contact us if you have questions or wish to report illegal dumping:

- on 1300 69 22 47
- via My Cairns App
- email council@cairns.qld.gov.au

The Department of Environment and Science has introduced on-line reporting of littering from a vehicle and illegal dumping. Information provided will be used by the department to issue fines. The witness or reporter must provide correct and detailed information and be willing to testify in court. You can find more information on the online service at

<https://environment.des.qld.gov.au>
(search for illegal dumping).

Legal disposal options for garden waste include:

- Your green-lid wheelie bin - remember, if you can't close the lid we can't pick it up
- Council's free garden waste drop-off days. Visit Council's website, www.cairns.qld.gov.au, for details
- Self-haul to your nearest Waste and Recycling Transfer Station
- Sign up for a garden waste collection service offered by local businesses.

More information can be found at www.cairns.qld.gov.au or scan

