



Obligations of Person Delivering Waste

WASTE DELIVERY

Obligations

On 1 July 2019, the Queensland Government introduced a levy on all waste going to landfill which also introduced new obligations on both waste site operators and the person delivering waste.

The *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* and *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* place obligations on Council as a waste disposal site operator to administer the waste levy and collect appropriate information about waste delivered to site. This legislation also places obligations on the person delivering waste to a waste disposal site to provide information and follow directions.

Who is the 'person delivering waste'?

A person is taken to deliver waste if –

- The person physically delivers waste; or
- The person engages or directs another person to physically deliver waste on behalf of the person.

What are the obligations of a 'person delivering waste'?

The person must:

- Give the operator of the waste disposal site the information that the operator reasonably requires to identify –
 - How much of the waste is exempt waste and how much of it is levyable waste; and
 - For each type of waste required to be measured by the operator – how much waste there is; and
 - Whether the waste was generated in the waste levy zone, the non-levy zone or outside Queensland.
- Not give the operator information about the waste that the person knows is false or misleading.
- Not deposit the following at a waste facility –
 - Liquid or semiliquid waste;

- Hot ash; material that is smouldering or aflame; or material that can spontaneously combust;
- Material containing a substance that may be harmful to persons or property because if it reacts with air or water, it may produce toxic gases or become corrosive;
- An explosive; or
- Ammunition.
- Not set fire to or burn waste at a waste facility;
- Not, without the consent of the operator –
 - Enter the facility other than to deposit waste; or
 - Remain after depositing waste; or
 - Interfere with waste at, or remove waste from the facility.
- Comply with all relevant and reasonable directions contained in any signs displayed at the facility by the operator;
- Deal with the waste in accordance with reasonable instructions given by the person in charge of the facility; and
- If asked by the operator, give information to the operator about the type and amount of waste being delivered.

What if I don't comply?

It is an offence to fail to comply with these obligations.

The maximum penalty for an offence in relation to –

- waste levy obligations is 300 penalty units.
- use of waste facilities is 20 penalty units.
- illegal dumping is 1000 penalty units.

(2019/2020 penalty unit value is \$133.45)

ILLEGAL DUMPING OFFENCE

It is also an offence to deposit waste or litter at a place unless you are the occupier, have the agreement of the occupier or it is placed in a bin or other container provided for the purpose of depositing the waste.

FACT SHEET

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Illegal dumping and littering can be reported to:

- Council (contact details below); or
- Queensland Department of Environment and Science via:
Online: www.qld.gov.au/litter
E-mail: illegaldumping@des.qld.gov.au
Phone: 24/7 Pollution Hotline – 1300 130 372

LOCAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Residents are still able to self-haul household waste to local waste facilities at no charge.

Currently, Council does not charge residents and businesses for recycling services provided at waste facilities. However, commercial operators may charge a fee for collection and processing of certain recyclable material. Please discuss this directly with providers.

Non-recyclable commercial waste is currently only accepted for disposal at Council's Trap Gully Landfill, and not at any other waste facility in the Shire.

Council is investigating the option of providing fee payment services at some waste transfer facilities in the future to enable disposal of small quantities of commercial waste at these facilities.

To administer the levy, Council will be making changes to some waste facilities, including providing supervision and restricting opening hours.

More information will be provided before changes are implemented.

Recycling and Hazardous Waste Options

Council has developed an 'A-Z of Waste and Recycling Disposal' fact sheet to assist in determining what products can be recycled or otherwise diverted from landfill.

Additional information is also available from Council on asbestos disposal, regulated and hazardous waste and household hazardous waste disposal.

TRAP GULLY LANDFILL REQUIREMENTS

Current payment options include credit or pre-payment at Council's Office.

Council will soon be providing a point of sale option at this facility; however we encourage current account holders to continue to operate as per usual.

For account holders, Council will only invoice the company or individual disposing of waste, not a third party.

Current accepted waste types are:

- general commercial and industrial;
- general construction and demolition;
- grease trap effluent;
- asbestos (by prior arrangement);
- dead animals;
- dewatered bacterial sludge;
- dewatered food, fish or poultry processing waste;
- recyclable metals;
- low level contaminated soil;
- limited regulated waste (by application);
- clean fill; and
- tyres.

MORE INFORMATION

More details, including fact sheets, are available on Council's website:

www.banana.qld.gov.au/waste

www.banana.qld.gov.au/fees-charges

Or the Queensland Government website:

www.qld.gov.au/waste-disposal-levy

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