

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Council monitors and investigates all instances of illegal dumping within our local area.

Illegal dumping can:

- Cause health hazards
- Cost Council and ratepayers money
- Degrade the environment
- Lower property values as areas become less attractive to prospective landowners.

It is an offence to illegally dump goods under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Significant fines apply to people caught dumping.

Approved options for disposing of unwanted non-recyclable waste include:

- Council's free kerbside clean up service
- Holding a garage sale or donating items to a charity shop
- Selling items on websites such as Ebay and Gumtree.

Residents can also dispose or recycle waste at one of the following facilities:

- **Rockdale Resource Recovery Park,**
Lindsay Street, Rockdale
- **Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park,**
New Illawarra Road, Lucas Heights.

If you witness illegal dumping or find dumped materials, please contact Council on 9330 6400 or the Regional Illegal Dumping Squad (RID) on 131 555.

Strata / Building Manager responsibilities

Often illegal dumping is present near or surrounding multi-unit developments due to high turnover of residents (tenanted properties) or the possibility for anonymity.

Strata / Building Managers can help deter illegal dumping outside multi-unit developments by:

- Correctly advising residents of upcoming kerbside clean up services, including acceptable and unacceptable items for collection
- Correctly advising cleaners or gardeners of acceptable waste management practices
- Engaging private waste contractors for the removal of excess waste
- Adequately lighting common areas like paths, driveways or other common/shared areas
- Ensuring a clean, tidy and well-presented property with clean bin bay areas
- Installing CCTV cameras where possible, or working with Council to enable the installation of CCTV cameras.

To assist with management of illegal dumping within the Georges River area, please promptly report any instances to Council on 9330 6400 or the Regional Illegal Dumping Squad (RID) on 131 555.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information, you can visit Council's website or email a question at any time. Alternatively you can call Council 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Website: www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 9330 6400

Email: mail@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries relating to bin entitlements, missed services, or collection schedules, contact the Waste Hotline, Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5.00pm.

Waste Hotline – Phone: 1800 079 390



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