

# Fact Sheet

# Littering and Illegal Dumping

Littering and illegal dumping is an offence under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*. The unlawful disposal of any unwanted material in locations other than accepted waste facilities is an illegal activity. There are penalties associated with the offences.



## What is illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is the unlawful deposit of waste material over 200L in volume. This is approximately the volume of a standard residential wheelie bin.

## What is littering?

Littering is the unlawful deposit of waste material less than 200L in volume.

## How to report offences



- Download the Snap, Send, Solve app using the QR code
- Call Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6666
- Online to Ipswich City Council: [ipswich.qld.gov.au/dumping](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/dumping)
- Online to the Department of Environment and Science: [Report-littering-dumping.ehp.qld.gov.au](https://www.des.qld.gov.au/Report-littering-dumping.ehp.qld.gov.au)

## Littering and illegal dumping officers

Council has a dedicated enforcement team investigating littering and illegal dumping incidents. In the first instance, council gives the offender an opportunity to clean the waste up, however council has a separate clean-up crew available should this not occur to protect and preserve the environment. If the unlawful activity is on private property, it is the landowner's responsibility to remove materials.

## Fines for illegal dumping

- Fines for an individual for illegal dumping are more than \$2,400 and may be more than \$154,800 in court
- Fines for a corporation are more than \$7,700 and may be more than \$774,000 in court.

## Ways to lawfully dispose waste

There are services and facilities to help you dispose of your waste:

- Check if it can go into your general waste red lid bin or co-mingle recycling bin
- Take excess waste to your local recycling and refuse centre. Check council's website for accepted materials, hours of operation, charges and hints and tips. Locations include:

### Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre

81 Riverview Road, Riverview

### Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centre

94 Oakleigh Colliery Road, Rosewood

- If the item still has use or value, consider donating it to a charity
- Similarly, you can advertise the materials or items to give-away, just remember to keep them inside your property until they are collected
- Take tyres to an accepted recycling facility. Charges for disposal will apply
- Order a skip bin from council: [ipswichskiphire.com.au](https://ipswichskiphire.com.au)
- Utilise a 240L Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) wheelie bin: [ipswich.qld.gov.au/fogo](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/fogo)
- Utilise council's large item kerbside collection service: [ipswich.qld.gov.au/kerbsidecollection](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/kerbsidecollection)

**See it. Report it. Stop it.**

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