



Community Consultation - Green Waste

While Kermit the frog once sang *"it's not easy being green"*, Wagait Shire Council have been pondering how they can be green, managing green waste that is. Two options being considered are:

1. Council purchase large bale bags (approximately 1 cubic metre) and for a fee somewhere in the vicinity of \$20, deliver the bags to a resident's property on an as required basis. The resident may keep the bag for a week or two to deposit leaves, grass clippings and smaller cuttings into the bag and when it is full, call council to collect and dispose of the waste. For large tree waste and a similar fee, residents may call council to collect and dispose of timber that has been cut into lengths no longer than 1.5 meters.



2. Council source drums that may be used as an incinerator and make them available for residents to burn their green waste on their property. Fire permits from the Fire Warden will be required prior to any burning.



Please provide feedback below.

Will you use either of these services if council were to provide them?

Bale bags Yes

Home incinerator Yes

Bale bags No

Home incinerator No

Do you have alternative green waste management ideas that may work for the community?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Please deliver your paper copy feedback to the Council Office, post to Wagait Shire Council PMB 10, Darwin, NT 0801 or email to ceo@wagait.nt.gov.au by 30 October. You may remain anonymous or **be included in a draw to win a \$50 gift voucher** from a supplier of your choice e.g. Wagait Supermarket, Cox Community Club, Woolworths, Bunnings, Auto Pro, Movie Cinema, JB HIFI etc.

To be eligible for the draw please include your name, address, phone and/or email below

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

Please see next page for some Wagait Shire Council Trash Talk.

Wagait Shire Council - Trash Talk

Here are some ways to reduce the amount of rubbish in your bins. With Christmas just around the corner you're going to need room for a whole lot more rubbish (and we don't just mean for those dodgy gifts).

Buy refills: liquid soap dispensers, sauce bottles

Buy rechargeable batteries. In fact, buy anything that can be reused

Purchase products that can be used for multiple tasks. Why, for instance, fork out for different cleaners for your toilet, shower and bench tops when an all-purpose household cleaner can keep them all just as clean?

Get your invoices and statements emailed to you rather than sent in the post.

*Buy only as much fresh produce as you need.
Food has this annoying habit of going off after
a little while.*

Hold a garage sale for anything you no longer want. Auction them off online, give clothes away to charity, toys to friends with kids and unwanted gifts to those who can use them.

***** Hard waste news *****

The three previous hard waste collections have seen residents depositing their waste into skip bins placed on the council property. Council is going to trial a kerbside hard waste collection for the next collection in December so residents will only have to place their hard waste out the front of their property. Items will need to be stowed in an orderly manner so they can be easily collected i.e. nails and screws placed in a tin and not deposited loosely on the ground.

Items that will be accepted:

Whitegoods e.g. washing machines, dryers, stoves, fridges, freezers and TVs. Computers, electronic and electrical appliances. Hot water services and air conditioners. Furniture, floor coverings and window treatments – rolled and tied up, no greater than 1.5 metres in length. Metal - e.g. sheets of iron and guttering – no greater than 1.5 metres in length. Lawnmowers (empty of oil and petrol) and tools

Items that will NOT be accepted:

Liquid waste - e.g. motor or cooking oil, chemicals, fuels and cans/tins containing paint. Car bodies, vehicle parts, panels, tyres and batteries. Asbestos, concrete, bricks, rocks, dirt, cement sheeting, plasterboard and other building materials. Ceramics - e.g. toilets, basins and baths. Ammunition, explosives, flares, fire extinguishers and gas bottles. Wooden pallets, hazardous waste items as defined under the Environment Protection Act 1993, business/commercial waste and items that can be disposed in your wheelie bins. Domestic recyclables such as bottles, cans, cardboard. Green organics - grass