

COMMUNITY ASKED TO HELP PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

Dubbo Regional Council is encouraging people to be vigilant and help prevent illegal dumping throughout the Christmas/ New Year period warning people caught doing the wrong thing face hefty penalties.

Councils Manager Environmental Control Debbie Archer said littering and illegal dumping is an ongoing environmental crime that requires community diligence to prevent.

“Illegal dumping of waste varies from small bags of rubbish dumped in an urban environment to larger scale dumping of waste materials in isolated areas such as bushland,” Ms Archer said.

“Fines for illegal dumping vary depending on the nature and impact of the act with the minimum on the spot fine being \$2000” she said.

Council have put significant resources behind illegal dumping enforcement since 2016 when Council were awarded funding by the NSW EPA Clean up and Prevention Program which contributed to higher levels of surveillance of common dumping sites, and additional signage and education.

Residents are reminded that unwanted waste can be taken directly to the Whylandra Waste Disposal Depot on Cooba Road which is open daily 9am-5pm except Christmas day.

Free disposal is available for recyclable items including e-waste, scrap metal, white goods, car batteries and car bodies.

Illegal dumping can be reported directly to Council or via the EPA hotline on 131555.

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