

Protecting your local natural environment

You can improve your local natural environment

These are things you can DO to help:

- ✓ Plant trees in your garden and in the community. Council's community tree planting events enhance public reserves by planting locally native species.
- ✓ Create a native garden. Native plants are more resistant to pests and diseases. They will attract native wildlife and helpful insects.
- ✓ Try using organic fertilisers and pesticides in your garden. Using natural products instead of chemicals will improve the soil and they are also healthier for you and your family.
- ✓ Use your garden waste to make compost and add nutrients to the soil. Worm farms recycle fruit and vegetable waste to create fertiliser for healthier plants. Mulching can help to prevent weed growth and water loss.
- ✓ Sweep your footpath and gutter instead of hosing them to prevent dirt, grass and other waste going down the drain and into our waterways.
- ✓ Join a bushcare group in your local area to remove weeds, plant locally native plants and remove litter.



- ✓ If you see anyone dumping their garden waste please report it to Council on **1300 36 2170**.

By reporting an incident you can help prevent the degradation of our bushland and waterways.

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Please DO NOT do the following:

- X** Put soil, dirt, mulch and large branches in your garden waste bin. These should be placed in your red lid garbage bin.
- X** Let lawn clippings and fertilisers get into waterways or bushland. Nutrient enriched soils promote weed growth.
- X** Dump garden waste in bushland areas. Plants can escape from your garden and become environmental weeds. They can spread out and replace native plants and animals. Compost or dispose your garden waste in Council's green waste bin.
- X** Use artificial herbicides or pesticides that can end up in our creeks or waterways. Use natural, organic products that are environmentally safe.
- X** Pour chemicals and oils down the sink. They can block drains and pollute waterways. Dispose of household chemicals, oils, paints and pesticides at one of Council's Chemical Cleanout collection days.

**For more information phone
Council on 1300 36 2170 or visit
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