



MEDIA RELEASE

We are Now Accepting Green Waste at the Waste Management Centre

The Norfolk Island Regional Council is pleased to announce that green waste can now be accepted again at the Waste Management Centre. All of the necessary approvals are in place to allow the Hotrot Composting machine to operate. The fresh green leaves will also provide an important nitrogen source for the bacteria in the system and help to generate the necessary heat to breakdown the various organic waste streams.

Please note that green waste will now be charged at \$10/m³. Tickets can be presented to the staff on the gate like all other charges.

Other good sources of organic waste are food scraps which are received for free. There are two food scraps bins on the forecourt of the Waste Management Centre. The easiest way to manage your food scraps is to store them in compostable bags and then simply place them in the bins provided.

There are a few other organic waste streams that will be received for free as they will improve the composting process. We will be happy to receive the following waste streams.

- Lawn clippings
- Old fruit fall
- Animal manure from horse, cattle or chooks
- Animal carcasses such as chooks or other vermin

Old fruit, in particular will be very beneficial. Often on Norfolk we have times of abundance where it is simply not feasible to use all of the fruit that falls from the trees. Leaving rotting fruit on the ground can harbor pests which in turn effect fruit production. By cleaning up the fruit fall you will reduce the likelihood of grubs in your fruit. We can then compost the fruit, which will kill all of the bugs, and make a good soil conditioner that will give back to your fruit trees for a better harvest.

We look forward to providing regular updates on the new facility and we will advise in time when compost will be available for sale.

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