



MEDIA RELEASE

ILLEGAL DUMPING OF WASTE IN PUBLIC PLACE

The community are advised that it is an offense under the *Waste Management Act 2003* to deposit household or commercial waste in public bins or public areas. A fine of \$2000 can be issued if found guilty of this offense.

The bin receptacles in public areas across the island are provided by Council for the disposal of waste generated within that site. They are not provided for a convenient waste disposal of domestic and commercial waste.

There is a significant cost to Council for maintaining bins around the island and it should be noted that Council is not exempt from paying waste management fees. Illegal dumping is a cost the whole community must bear because of the actions of a small few.

The island has a proud history of keeping its' public areas and roads sides free from rubbish. Council urge anyone that is considering to illegally dump rubbish to take some pride in our island and think of the ramifications such actions could have on the island's image.

Council have made significant investments in waste management over the past 18 months however we need the communities support to ensure we can deliver as efficient a service as possible.

Waste management is a global issue which is only heightened in small remote islands such as Norfolk. As a community, we need to take responsibility for the waste that we generate.

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank those community members that have been sorting their rubbish as we are transitioning to no ocean outfall of our waste.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Customer Care via email customercare@nirc.gov.nf or by telephone on local free call 0100.

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