

Greenwaste

Turning greenwaste into mulch - a local solution!

Greenwaste can make up around 16% of household waste in Alice Springs wheelie bins. If sent to landfill, greenwaste takes up valuable landfill space and decomposes over time, releasing methane to the atmosphere.

Rather than putting greenwaste in a wheelie bin, greenwaste can be composted at home, or taken to the Regional Waste Management Facility where it is made into a valuable product - mulch!

The greenwaste is chipped and stockpiled where the moisture content, pH, and temperature are controlled over a minimum of three weeks to create a quality mulch. This is a local solution to dealing with one waste stream.

The Regional Waste Management Facility accepts residential greenwaste in trailers or utes (not trucks/box-trailers) for free, 7 days a week.

Greenwaste includes:

- Leaves
- Branches (under 5cm in diameter)

Other Greenwaste

Lawn clippings, cacti, and palm fronds are also accepted for free. However these must be placed in the **general waste** skips. Palm fronds damage mulching machinery, lawn clipping can contain weeds and many cacti are Declared Weeds.

Purchasing Local Mulch

In the dry climate of Central Australia, adding a thick layer of mulch to your garden will reduce heat stress to plant roots and will reduce evaporation, saving water. Mulch can be purchased from the weigh-bridge, and delivered if the order is for 6m³ or more. Purchasing local mulch is a sustainable solution to greenwaste.



Greenwaste Contamination

To ensure that a quality mulch is produced, greenwaste must be kept free from contaminants. Other materials will contaminate the mulch or cause damage to the shredding machine. In some cases, just a few contaminated materials can contaminate an entire of greenwaste.

Placing contaminants in the greenwaste skip will incur a penalty. Contaminants include, but are not limited to:

- Plastics
- Rubber
- Metals
- Grass
- Declared Weeds (including cactus)