

- garden and household wastes can be put out for the Council clean up, provided they are suitable for collection – prunings must be less than 2 metres in length, no thicker than a broom handle and securely bundled.
- logs, large branches and general wastes can be taken to the North Ryde Transfer Station in Wicks Road, North Ryde – charges apply.

Need further information?

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Backyard Burning is Banned



in the
City of Ryde

Why is backyard burning banned?

Burning garden refuse and other waste in the open and in incinerators pollutes the air and can annoy neighbours.

To prevent pollution the State Government has prohibited all burning in the open and in incinerators (including the burning of vegetation and domestic waste) in the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

Are there any exemptions?

The following are exempted from the prohibition:

- cooking or barbecuing in the open and fires for outdoor recreational activities such as camping, picnicking or scouting, provided only dry seasoned wood, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas or proprietary barbecue fuel (including a small quantity of fire starter) is burned.
- burning of vegetation for agricultural purposes.
- burning of anything for the purpose of fire fighting instruction by a member of a fire authority.
- burning of anything in an incinerator with specified control equipment that is installed non-residential premises or in an incinerator licensed by the Department of Environment and Conservation.
- burning of anything in accordance with an approval from the Department of Environment and Conservation.

What are the penalties for contravening the prohibition?

Contravening the prohibition is an offence under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Control of Burning) Regulation 2000, and offenders are liable to a maximum penalty of \$11,000 in the case of a corporation, or \$5,500 in the case of an individual.

Authorised officers employed by local councils, the Department of Environment and Conservation and National Parks and Wildlife Service may also issue on-the-spot fines for offences, with penalties of \$1,000 for corporations, or \$500 for individuals.

How can I get rid of my waste?

There are many ways to get rid of your waste:

- council provides a weekly garbage service for household waste.
- paper, cardboard, certain plastics and glass can be recycled by placing them in your recycling bin.
- larger quantities of recyclable materials can be taken to the North Ryde Transfer Station in Wicks Road, North Ryde - free of charge.
- composting and worm farms are an efficient way of disposing of vegetable and garden wastes.
- garden prunings and weeds not suitable for composting can be put into the garbage bin.