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COUNCIL RAMPS UP EFFORTS TO TACKLE ILLEGAL DUMPING

The City of Ryde has increased patrols and monitoring to help tackle illegal dumping, which has been on the rise since coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions were introduced.

Illegal dumping damages the environment, spoils the appearance on the City's streets and is costly and time-consuming for Council to remove.

It is also a finable offence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, with penalties in excess of \$2,000.

To help address the issue of illegal dumping, Council has increased patrols in identified hot spot areas and also deployed a surveillance trailer to catch and deter offenders. In addition, Council has also recently installed bollard devices equipped with monitoring systems in several locations across the City.

City of Ryde Waste Prevention Officer, Sarah Morton, said illegal dumping of rubbish was one of Council's more preventable environmental issues and encouraged members of the public to report any incidents to Council.

"If you see someone dumping rubbish illegally, please contact Council on 9952 8222 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au and provide as much detail as possible," Ms Morton said.

Anyone who witnesses illegal dumping is encouraged to make a note of the following information:

- Location and what was dumped
- Date and time of the incident
- If items are dumped from a vehicle, the registration number, make, model and colour of the vehicle
- A photo or video of the dumping incident (only if safe to do so).

Members of the public are reminded they can legally remove household rubbish by booking a free household clean-up collection with the City of Ryde. These collections can be booked by visiting www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cleanup.

Alternatively, household items can be recycled or rehomed through one of Council's other waster services. More information can be found at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/otherwasteservices.

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