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ILLEGAL DUMPING ON THE INCREASE

The holiday period is a great time to clean out the house of unwanted items or spruce up the garden, but the downside can result in unsightly and illegal dumping of rubbish.

Council officers have reported a 25% increase in instances of illegal dumping in the City of Ryde over the past two weeks of the holiday season of items like garden waste, building material, couches, fridges and clothing.

Residents are reminded that household waste placed on the roadside outside of the scheduled household clean up collection week is considered illegally dumping. Instances are regularly pursued by Council's enforcement officers.

Illegal rubbish dumping, including roadside dumping and illegal land filling, degrades the local environment and generates significant community concern. It can also attract a hefty fine between \$750 to \$1,500.

The City of Ryde has a full range of waste services, but for quick dispose of rubbish residents are encouraged to:

- Take excess rubbish and garden waste to WSN North Ryde Transfer Station – contact on 1300 651116.
- Household goods/clothing in good order can be taken to charities such as The Smith Family and St Vincent de Paul.

If residents see someone illegally dumping they are encouraged to contact City of Ryde Customer Service with the following details –

- the time, date, and location of the event
- a description of any vehicles involved, including the number plate details
- any further information that may help to identify the offender.

For more information, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste

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Photo attached.