

MEDIA STATEMENT

4 December, 2018

Staying safe and healthy during return to bushfire affected areas

High priority will be given to the support and safety of residents when they are returning to their properties in southern parts of the Gladstone Region.

Please find below important information for residents and property owners returning to bushfire affected areas:

Potable Water

Gladstone Regional Council advises residents returning to rural properties who are connected to their own water tanks (rain water tanks) to not use this water supply as it may have been contaminated.

Residents returning to properties who may require assistance with water services must register with Queensland Police Service (QPS) when re-entering to authorise Council officers to enter their property and undertake the below services:

- Roof cleaning and tank cleaning (if required)
- 2000 litres of water supply per property

If extra water is required, residents can visit the Recovery Hub at Wartburg Sport and Recreation Grounds at 569 Coast Road, Baffle Creek to notify services.

Council will also provide information on safe water usage following any services carried out on properties.

Waste disposal

Fire damaged waste only can be disposed of at the following Waste Transfer Stations, free of charge:

- Baffle Creek Waste Transfer Station - 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week until further notice.
- Mount Larcom Waste Transfer Station – 9.00am to 5:00pm, seven days a week until Monday 17 December when normal operating hours will resume.

Fire damaged waste is classified as waste which affects the safe habitability of your property, for example:

- Perishable food
- Building material (Council will not accept asbestos or regulated chemicals and/or poisons)
- Deceased animals (see below Deceased Animals tab)
- Fire damaged vegetation in the immediate vicinity of the household

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Residents will need to provide identification of their residential address to access the Waste Transfer Stations.

More information about asbestos disposal can be found [here](#).

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Bulk waste collection of fire damaged waste

Gladstone Regional Council has arranged for bulk road side collection of fire damaged waste from **Deepwater, Baffle Creek, Rules Beach and Oyster Creek** on Monday 10 December and Monday 17 December.

Waste **must be left on road reserve** for collection. We will not be entering properties to retrieve waste.

Deceased Animals

- Domestic

Animal disposal bags are available at the Recovery Hub at Wartburg Sport and Recreation Grounds.

Any deceased domestic animal **must be placed** in an animal disposal bag and placed on the road reserve if you require Council to remove the deceased animal from the property.

Deceased animals, in animal disposal bags can also be disposed of at the Baffle Creek Transfer Station.

Please contact Gladstone Regional Council on 4970 0700 to arrange collection of deceased animals. For the collection of deceased domestic animals and poultry, animals must be impacting the safe habitability of the residence.

- Livestock

For advice on deceased livestock, please contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) on 13 25 23.

Replacement wheelie bins

Gladstone Regional Council will replace Council-provided wheelie bins that have been damaged on properties impacted by bushfires at no cost. Please contact Council on 4970 0700 to arrange.

Rural numbering replacement

Residents and property owners in areas impacted by bushfires can call Council on 4970 0700 to arrange rural numbering replacement for their properties.