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Council announces free green waste disposal periods at waste facilities

Gladstone Regional Council will be waiving domestic green waste disposal fees at many waste transfer facilities across the region for two weeks from Saturday 3 May to Sunday 18 May 2025 to assist residents with inclement weather clean-up and to encourage disaster preparedness ahead of disaster season this year.

This two-week window will be the first in a series of fee-free uncontaminated green waste disposal periods that will run from the end of the current financial year and through the end of the 2025/26 Financial Year.

Uncontaminated Green Waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches, palm fronds and garden trimmings, and excludes invasive weeds and contaminants that can harm local ecosystems.

All uncontaminated green waste (less than 500 kilograms) brought into transfer stations will be mulched and offered free of charge to residents when available at the Benaraby Landfill and Gladstone and Agnes Water Transfer stations.

Gladstone Region Councillor Simon McClintock said this program coincides with the removal of mulch loading fees at the Gladstone Transfer Station and Benaraby Landfill so residents can now have a Council employee operate a Loader to fill a trailer-load of mulch free of charge.

"With green waste fees waived for the next couple of weeks, it's the perfect time to tidy up your yard and prepare for disaster season," Councillor McClintock said.

"Clearing overgrown vegetation helps protect your home, your neighbours, and our whole community - let's all do our part to stay safe."

Please visit Council's website at <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/new-waste-fees-charges</u> for more information on free uncontaminated green waste disposal windows.

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