



Servicing the Coffs Coast region as Coffs Coast Waste Services

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Media release – 3 strikes, you’re out (Coffs Coast Waste Services)

Coffs Coast Waste Services is getting tough on residents who are not using their green or yellow bins correctly. From 7 May, a new process of contamination control will begin.

The ‘three strikes and you’re out’ system means that if a green or yellow-lidded bin is found to be contaminated three times over a six month period, then the bin may be removed and a delivery cost will apply for the return of that bin.

Handybin Waste Services Project Officer, Gerry McGilvray says “The new waste services are generally performing well, with around 1,600 tonnes of organic waste being diverted from landfill per month since the start of the new green bin service in March”.

“Most residents are using their green bins correctly, placing food waste, soiled paper and greenwaste in the bins to be composted at the Coffs Coast Waste Facility.”

“There are, however, a small number of residents that are placing incorrect material in the bin. This contamination includes plastic bags, general garbage, plant pots, treated timber, recyclables such as glass and steel. On occasion, nappies have even been found in bins.

“This contamination makes the job of staff sorting the community’s waste at the waste facility very difficult and unpleasant and increases costs,” she said.

All collection trucks now have cameras which allow drivers to detect contamination.

“So wise up with your waste and put the right thing in the right bin,” said Ms McGilvray.

Handy hints on using your green bin correctly:

- Wrap food scraps in newspaper to reduce odour and spillage.
- Wrap prawn shells and heads and fish bones in newspaper and freeze, then place the waste in the green bin on the night prior to collection to reduce odours.
- Place prunings at the bottom of the bin to stop grass cuttings sticking.
- Layer garden waste with food waste.

For further information check the Coffs Coast Waste Services website at www.coffscostwaste.com.au or call the Coffs Coast Waste Services hotline: 1800 265 495.

School tours may be booked to tour the new recycling facility with a limited number of bus subsidies available. To book, please call 1800 265 495.

Media Conference:

View truck coming in to drop off load of greenwaste, driver emptying green bin, checking camera, common contaminants, composted product.

Time: 11am	Where: Biomass Facility, Coffs Coast Resource Recovery Park (Waste Facility), England’s Rd, Coffs Harbour
When: Wednesday, 2nd May, 2007.	