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## City Cleanup comes to a close

Shoalhaven City Council has been faced with a massive task to deal with green waste debris from the storm event on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Most of Council's resources have been taken off not routine works to deal with damage to Council's assets.

However some residents have placed green waste on the road verge for collection expecting it to be removed. Unfortunately, Council is unable to provide a free green waste kerbside collection service for residents.

There are many more weeks of work to finalise the clean-up where trees and tree branches have fallen from Council's own property. Extra resources have been employed to complete the task but it will still take quite some time.

Council resources need to be redirected back to their normal duties of maintaining the road and parks network, and drainage systems as soon as possible to ensure that these areas of Council's operations are properly serviced.

Residents are requested not to deposit any green waste material on the street verge. They can, however, take advantage of Council extending the free tipping of green waste from the storm event of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Residents should make their own arrangements to have any material delivered to Council's Waste Depots.

Director of City Services and Operations Bill Paterson said, "The public have been very patient as Council undertook the huge task of cleaning up the city. With more work still to be done on Council property, we appreciate residents removing any further green waste from their own land and taking it to one of the City's waste depots. If residents are finding difficulty to self transport green waste, there is a Council subsidised green and bulky waste pickup service that can be contacted on 4421 4597"

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