

Street Sweeping

INFORMATION SHEET



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL



WHY WE STREET SWEEP

Street sweeping plays a vital role in maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of kerbed roads throughout the Mount Barker district. Removing leaf litter, silt and debris from the water table supports effective stormwater flow and helps prevent blockages within the stormwater network.

To ensure effective sweeping and unobstructed access to the kerb, work is often carried out outside standard business hours. This is especially important on main streets and in areas where parked vehicles commonly restrict access during the day.

WHEN WE STREET SWEEP

Mount Barker District Council operates a regular street sweeping program on a 10-week cycle to manage leaf litter and silt build-up. Additional sweeping may be scheduled to maintain cleanliness and support our storm water network in areas experiencing higher volumes of leaf fall or silt runoff.

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T BLOW YOUR LEAVES ONTO ROADWAYS

Under the Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2015, it's illegal to discharge certain pollutants into the stormwater drainage systems. These systems include roadside gutters and drains. As a property owner, you are legally responsible for ensuring pollutants do not enter the stormwater network from your property. Pollutants include green waste such as lawn clippings, leaves and prunings. Non-compliance may result in a \$300 fine, an Environment Protection Order or prosecution.

Green waste can block gutters and drains, and increase the risk of flooding and environmental harm. Both organic and inorganic pollutants can degrade water quality and damage natural ecosystems. To prevent harm to the environment or flooding, and to avoid prosecution, please don't blow leaves onto the road.

CUSTOMER CLEAN UP REQUESTS

Council will not respond to individual customer requests to clean up leaves that have been blown from the verge and your property onto the roadway. It is your responsibility as a property owner to manage leaves on your property and any stormwater system impacts. Council will respond to cleaning roads after motor vehicle accidents when requested by the authorities.

MANAGING LEAF LITTER AT HOME

Follow these handy tips to reduce leaf litter and to ensure local streets, gutters and footpaths remain clear:

COMPOST THEM

Leaves provide a great source of carbon in your compost bin or worm farm. Layer them between wet food scraps and garden materials.

MAKE A MULCH

Spread leaf matter on flower beds, vegetable gardens or under trees and shrubs. They provide nutrients, keep weeds down and lock moisture in.

MOW OVER THEM

Run over leaves with the lawn mower to make a mulch. Empty the catcher on your garden or directly into the compost bin.

No raking required!

GREEN BIN

Collect leaves and debris from around your property and put them in your green waste bin for fortnightly collection.