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### POST CYCLONE GREENWASTE OPERATIONS

Residents of the Whitsunday region are being urged to take their green waste to Council's transfer stations and landfills in the aftermath of Cyclone Ului.

To assist in the clean up, Whitsunday Regional Council has waived all fees and charges associated with discarding green waste and domestic waste at the transfer stations and landfills.

Council's Mayor, Mike Brunker said that residents and business are asked to assist in cleaning up their immediate areas.

"Council faces a massive task in making our roadways, community buildings, parks and gardens clean and safe and this will be the immediate priority," Mayor Brunker said.

"Elderly residents or those that may not be able to transport green waste to the landfills or transfer stations are advised that Council will be co-ordinating a footpath green waste collection," he said.

"This will be a coordinated collection and residents can help by ensuring only green waste is placed on the footpath."

Council has identified a number of areas that will be used to process the green waste by Council engaged tub grinding contractors. There is expected to be four tub grinders working on mulching green waste in the region by Friday.

Council anticipates the clean up of our parks, roadways and of the green waste on the footpaths to take a number of weeks.

"We request the community's patience and understanding as we work together to clean up from this significant disaster," Mayor Brunker said.

More information on the management of green waste will appear in local papers this week and via further press releases.

For more information, please contact Council on ☎4945 0200.

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