



Cleaning up bushfire-generated green waste

Program description

Up to \$45 million will be available to clean up bushfire-generated green waste to reduce ongoing safety and fire risks. The program will focus on beneficial reuse of partially burnt green waste, regional employment and removal of stockpiles that pose pollution and fire risks.

Eligibility

Councils, Regional Organisations of Councils, and other local government-controlled organisations that operate within or across one or more of the council areas affected by the 2019-20 summer bushfires, can apply for this program.

Non-government organisations can also apply on behalf of councils, provided they have a partnership agreement in place with council.

The following green waste is eligible:

- Stockpiled green waste that has been left on private or public land as a result of bushfire-related emergency services activity
- Stockpiled green waste that has been left on private land as a result of preventative or safety-related works undertaken by councils during or immediately following the bushfire season
- Fire-damaged trees on public or private land that pose a significant risk to public safety. The tree must be assessed by a qualified arborist or other suitably qualified person and meet the following definition of **hazardous tree**:
a tree that has significant structural defects that increase the risk of falling causing injury or death, damage to a residential structure, or obstruction of a road or access route.



Program details

The program comprises two grant streams.

Stream A: Data Collection Initiative

- \$10,000 for eligible organisations to rapidly assess and document bushfire-generated green waste
- Additional funding of up to \$20,000 per council area will be considered in cases where;
 - a) councils receive Stream A funding and the \$10,000 was not sufficient to complete the assessment; or
 - b) councils did not receive Stream A funding and have still carried out a green waste assessment in order to apply for Stream B funding.

Requests for this additional funding must be made through the Stream B application process and contain evidence of expenditure.

Stream B: Green waste recovery grants

- Individual grants between \$20,000 and \$3,000,000 (available to both those who have applied for Stream A and those who have not applied) to clean-up and process outstanding bushfire-generated green waste.
- Grants are to support:
 - Up to 75% of capital costs for equipment
 - Up to 100% of costs for labour, equipment rental and processing fees.

How to apply

You can apply via SmartyGrants
<https://epa.smartygrants.com.au/>

Timeline

Stream A: Data Collection Initiative

Closed

Stream B: Green waste recovery grants

Applications close 30 June 2021

Key Contacts

Please find all details at:

<https://epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/bushfire-recovery-programs/bushfire-generated-green-waste-grants>.

For more information, call 131 555 or email
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Green waste at Tomerong, NSW; Photo: Greg Frost/EPA

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