

Media Release

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Waste Levy waived for storm affected areas

The State Government has waived the waste levy for communities affected by the recent severe weather.

People who have registered their names in Recovery Centres which were established during the severe weather where most damage was caused within 18 council areas and were issued with a 'Temporary Incident Card', will be eligible for this offer.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will administer the waste levy waiver under this temporary arrangement.

Heavy rain and strong winds led to flooding last week, brought down trees and caused property damage in many locations across the South Australia that followed a previous storm activity two weeks ago.

EPA Director Strategy and Business Roslyn Agate said this severe weather event resulted in a significant amount of waste including trees, building materials and metals that will require disposal at waste depots.

"The State Government has offered to waive the waste levy to assist communities with the cost of waste disposal," she said.

Organic waste can be received as green waste and will also be exempt from a levy.

Sandbags will be accepted at clean fill rates with no levy when taken to a waste depot for disposal.

This exemption will not apply to the regular gate fee charged by a waste depot.

"This gesture recognises the distress experienced by affected communities and reflects efforts to ensure that landholders are aware of the assistance being offered to them," Ms Agate said.

"The EPA has contacted the councils most-affected by the recent severe weather who will provide assistance".

The Environment Protection Act 1993 requires the payment of a prescribed levy payable by the licence-holder of a waste depot for all waste received and disposed at that depot.

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