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# Fact Sheet

## Vegetation Management

*Bushfire Affected Properties in Sorell/Tasman region*

### Who is responsible for clearance of burnt and dangerous trees?

#### Private Property

##### 1. If your property has been registered for clean-up by Hazell Bros

Where there are burnt structures on your property and your property has been registered for clean up, Hazell Bros will clear any trees in the immediate vicinity of the burnt structures or which present danger or obstruction to the clean-up crew. Trees outside of the immediate vicinity of the burnt structures and which do not present danger or obstruction to the clean-up crew, will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove. In some cases this may be covered by insurance.

##### 2. If your property has not been registered for clean-up

In this case any burnt or dangerous trees will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove. In some cases this may be covered by insurance.

PLEASE NOTE: the felling of dangerous trees by inexperienced operators can present serious risks of injury. It is recommended that only fully qualified arborists with public liability insurance be engaged for this work.

#### Council Services

##### Sorell Council

Sorell Council undertakes a monthly Green waste collection for those who have a garbage collection service. Bookings are essential and green waste must be as follows:

- tree branches and prunings are to be tied in bundles less than 1500mm in length. Trunks and branches are to be less than 200mm in diameter
- leaves, grass, clippings and weeds are to be placed in an open rigid container or placed on a tarp, not in plastic bags or cardboard boxes

- any container or bundle must be able to be lifted to shoulder height
- the maximum quantity of green waste that can be collected is two cubic metres

Further information is available in Council's Waste Management Services Guide.

##### Tasman Council

Tasman Council will be undertaking a Green waste collection in Murdunna in conjunction with the current road verge vegetation clean up but this will be restricted to domestic quantities of waste and is to be incorporated as the work crews progress along the road.

The collection is occurring on Sommers Bay Road and by-roads and on Hylands Road. This is scheduled to be completed by 22 February 2013.

Any additional properties or those that missed the work crews as they passed through are advised to register with Council prior to 22 February. It will then be determined if any green waste disposal is to be provided depending on scale and quantities.

Private removal of vegetation from crown land and disposal on the road verge for chipping by work crews is not permitted.

##### Roadsides

Highways – the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources has responsibility for clearance of any dangerous trees on State Highways.

Other roadsides – Sorell and Tasman councils have commenced clearance of dangerous vegetation on roadsides other than State Highways.

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### **Crown land including foreshore areas**

Parks and Wildlife have responsibility for clearance of dangerous vegetation on Crown land including foreshore areas. Work has commenced identifying dangerous trees for removal. Clearing of identified trees will commence once Parks and Wildlife crews are no longer required for fire-fighting duties.

### **What permits are required for land clearance?**

#### **Permits and permissions for land clearance**

##### **Forest Practices Plan**

Landholders may need to apply for a forest practices plan (through the Forest Practices Authority) where significant vegetation clearance is proposed.

An information sheet may be obtained by calling **6233 7966**, emailing [info@fpa.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@fpa.tas.gov.au) or by accessing the following site [www.fpa.tas.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/58121/Land\\_clearing\\_information\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.fpa.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/58121/Land_clearing_information_sheet.pdf).

##### **Threatened Species Permit**

A threatened species permit may be required where there is a potential impact of any actions on threatened flora or fauna, such as an eagle nest.

Further information is available at [www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au) or by calling **1300 368 550**.

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