



ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Litter

Indiscriminate dumping is considered an offence against both the Litter Act and the Health Act. An accumulation of rubbish may smell and attract flies, rats and other vermin. The environmental cost is high. Rubbish that is strewn around our parks and riverbeds looks disgusting and spoils New Zealand's natural scenic beauty. Also staff resources are wasted.

Unfortunately this is a common problem in the Ashburton District. There are usually a few episodes of littering each week.

Often people can not be bothered using Councils refuse service and leave bags of litter in public areas. Bags maybe torn open by dogs and cats foraging for food and blown about by wind.

Sometimes a witness may observe a vehicle registration number of the identity or an offender may be determined by other means Legal action is then considered and an infringement notice with a \$100 fine is often imposed.

Would-be offenders should weigh up the financial cost of \$1.25 for bag, and the environmental cost. An appeal is made to residents to please use Councils weekly refuse collection or dispose of litter and rubbish in an environmentally acceptable way.

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