

THE PENALTIES

Any person caught littering in the City of Karratha may be prosecuted or fined. The penalties can be costly.

You may also be required to cleanup any spills or litter or may be prosecuted for the cost of cleanup.

Fines can be issued for not correctly securing your load for transport, incorrect disposal of cigarette and illegal dumping.

Illegal dumping	up to \$125 000
Littering	\$200.00
Transporting load Inadequately	\$200.00
Incorrect disposal of a cigarette, cigar or match	\$200.00

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information regarding securing loads and littering in general, contact Ranger Services on the contacts below.

Information can also be found at the Keep Australia Beautiful website.

www.kabc.wa.gov.au/litter-reporting

If you see loads poorly covered or witness a spill or littering, report straight away. You can do this via the contacts below or fill in an online report at.

www.karratha.wa.gov.au

“Our aim is to enhance the safety and security of our community through public education, liaison, awareness and if required enforcement.”

**City of Karratha
Ranger Services**

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Securing Your Load

RANGER SERVICES

IS YOUR LOAD SECURED?

- The community is concerned about the amount of roadside litter within the City.
- A large portion of this roadside litter comes from insecure loads and materials blowing from the back of vehicles, trailers and trucks.
- The plastic wrap, work packaging, drink containers, esky lids and such like that blows from the back of a vehicle comes under this legislation.
- Not only does it make the roadsides look untidy it can be potentially dangerous to drivers who are following you.
- It is an offence to transport anything in a ute, trailer or truck that is uncovered or poorly secured in place.
- Material does not have to leave the vehicle to be considered insecure. Failing to secure, cover or contain materials can result in action taken against the driver
- If any material does leave a vehicle during transporting, this can constitute another offence and may be subject to a \$200.00 fine or court action.
- Green waste is also classed as litter
- This offence does not depend on the amount or size of the litter

THE RIGHT WAY

- Use something like tarps or shade cloth roped down to fully enclose or other means sufficient to cover any load containing light or loose materials.
- Try netting or roping to secure larger bulky or heavier items.
- Check your load or materials in the back before you take off and periodically during your journey
- Immediately retrieve any materials that have left your load.

THE WRONG WAY

- Wedging materials together in the hope they hold together in transport is not sufficient.
- Transporting garden waste in unenclosed or uncovered trailers
- Using open netting on loose materials will not contain the materials
- Throwing light items in the back of vehicle will be caught by the wind and dislodge
- Dust or debris from gravel or sand loads will still be classed as littering.
- Wetting down loads does not ensure they stay in place

DO YOU...?

- Dampen soil or sand before transporting to minimise dust and cover to stop any loose materials dislodging?
- Cover your light and small material loads with a complete cover?
- Secure your bulky materials with ropes or netting?
- Secure your covered load with straps or rope tied with firm knots?
- Make sure objects do not protrude from the line of your vehicle.
- Check your load regularly?
- Pick up anything that leaves your load.
- Keep a bin or bag in your vehicle for personal rubbish disposal?
- Separate light materials from heavy bulkier materials?
- Not place lighter materials under bulky materials and hope it stays in place?
- Report littering or inadequate load coverings?
- Understand that any materials that leave your vehicle can be classed as litter?
- Want to enjoy an uncluttered Pilbara?