

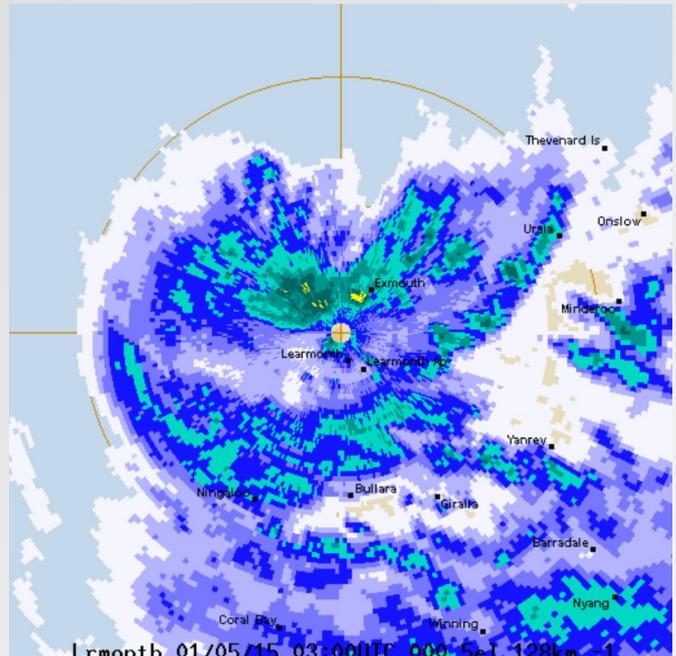
Take action now to prepare for cyclone season 2016-2017

It is officially cyclone season and the Bureau of Meteorology are predicting a high likelihood of more tropical cyclones off the Northwest Coast than last season.

With predications that there is also an increased risk of a tropical cyclone near the Northwest Coast before Christmas, now is the time to start your cyclone clean up.

Early preparation is the key to minimising damage during a cyclone and residents should prepare their properties now to ensure they are ready for the season.

This includes removing any unwanted items and securing anything that may become a hazard in strong winds. Residents are also advised to lop and prune trees to remove any unnecessary branches and those that could damage houses or fences.



Get ready, get set, get gardening this November

The Shire of Exmouth is providing its free annual green waste collection to help local residents prepare for the coming cyclone season.

Green waste will be collected from verges during the week starting Monday, 28 November, 2016. To ensure you don't miss out, please have all items on the verge and ready for collection by Sunday, 27 November.

To make the clean-up a success, residents are being asked to follow a few simple guidelines.

1. Please only put green waste out for collection as other items will not be collected.
2. Separate your green waste into different groups (i.e. bagged leaves, palm cuttings/fronds, branches, trunks). This makes it easier to collect.
3. Make sure all green waste is on the verge in an easily accessible place. We cannot enter your property to collect any green waste.
4. Keep all green waste clear of fences, water meters,

power poles, vehicles, trailers, Telstra pits, driveways, footpaths and gardens to ensure it is accessible for bobcats/loaders.

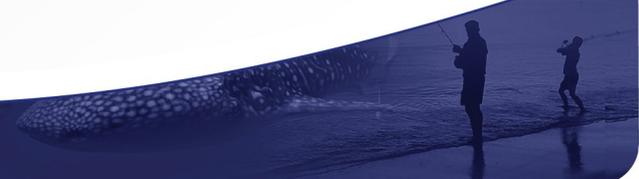
5. Tree pruning waste should be shorter than 1.5 metres. Again, this ensures it can be easily handled.

6. Loose material such as leaves and other vegetation should be wrapped, tied or placed in bags/boxes to prevent litter spread and to aid collection.

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the Shire Works Depot on 9949 1699.

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Sea containers need tick of approval

Property owners are being asked to ensure they have the correct planning and building approvals for any sea containers located on their premises.

A recent audit by Shire officers revealed that there were a large number of sea containers that did not have the relevant approvals.

Under Shire regulations, sea containers are defined as a building and land holders need to obtain planning approval and a building permit before installing them. It is essential that sea containers are properly secured, which formed part of the approvals process.

Executive Manager of Health and Building Rob Manning said council had a formal policy guiding the use of sea containers, which was available online or by contacting the Shire office.

"We are asking all residents with sea containers that have not been formally approved to lodge an application as soon as possible," he said.



Pictured: A properly secured sea container

"Or if you don't have any further use for the sea container, have it removed."

A further audit will be undertaken in early December.

Property owners who would like more information regarding this matter can contact the Shire on 9949 3000 or email building@exmouth.wa.gov.au.



Contractors will be coming to take the scrap metal pile away from the tip by the end of November. To celebrate moving our metal mountain, disposal of scrap metal will be free of charge in November. What better reason to make November your scrap metal clean-out month and be prepared for cyclone season. PLEASE NOTE: Health and Safety regulations mean the tip must be closed on yellow alert.