

Hiring out traps for residents to trap possums

Permits are necessary to trap, release or destroy possums. Residents must obtain a “possum permit” from the Department for Environment and Heritage before trapping possums.

Background

The Department for Environment and Heritage administers the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, which protects all native mammals, birds and reptiles throughout South Australia.

Scope

This document defines:

1. the process for hiring a possum trap to a ratepayer,
2. the roles and responsibilities of the Department for Environment and Heritage administering the “possum permits”, and
3. the roles and responsibilities of council staff when issuing possum traps to ratepayers.

Procedure details

Hiring a possum trap to a resident

1. The ratepayer contacts Council to arrange hire of trap.
2. When a trap becomes available Council will contact the resident to confirm availability of trap.
3. Council reminds the resident that the trap will only be issued upon presentation of the residents “possum permit”, issued by the Department for Environment and Heritage.
4. At the time of collection, the resident must provide proof of a current Department for Environment and Heritage “Possum permit” to the Council Customer Service Officer.
5. Resident pays the prescribed fee and is issued with a possum trap for the agreed hire period.

Circumstances when traps will not be hired out

1. The resident fails to provide to the Council Customer Service Officer proof of a current Department for Environment and Heritage “possum permit”.

Roles and responsibilities

The Department for Environment and Heritage is responsible for

- assessing applications for the destruction of wildlife, including applications to trap and release and trap and destroy Common Brushtail and Common Ringtail Possums, and facilitate the issuing of permits where appropriate.

Council is responsible for

- managing the hiring of possum traps to residents.

For further information

Contact your nearest Department for Environment and Heritage Office
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