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## Market Grower Fact Sheet Landfill

LANDFILL IS ANY material used to raise the level of the ground for any reason. Materials used for landfill generally include topsoil, clay and sand.

### Why is landfill an issue?

- Landfill can cause problems such as:
- Chemical pollution of your crops through contamination of your soil and water
- Changes to your drains and creeks
- Flooding
- Damage to your neighbour's properties
- Soil erosion and sedimentation
- Weed problems
- Damage to bushland
- Site contamination from uncertified fill.



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**Landfill is a serious issue and is generally discouraged by council. Please think carefully about your reasons for using landfill.**



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This **Market Grower Fact Sheet** is part of a series designed to support growers from a non-English speaking background. For more information please contact your local Council. If you require an interpreter call TIS on 131 450.

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

If you are planning to use landfill with material already on your property, contact your local council for advice as you are likely to need development approval.

Development Approval is generally needed if land filling:

- 1) Exceeds 1m depth over pre-existing levels
- 2) Total area is 100m<sup>2</sup> or more
- 3) Within 40m of a watercourse

If you are planning to use material from another property you will need written approval from council. If you do not have written approval, you can receive severe penalties under NSW environmental law.

The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (November 2007). However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information upon which they rely is up to date and to check currency of the information with the appropriate officer of NSW Department of Primary Industries or the user's independent adviser.