



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **New guidelines for garden and building refuse disposal**

KNYSNA – AFTER unforeseen events necessitated the temporary closing of the Old Place garden waste disposal site, Knysna Municipality can announce the site is back in operation.

Mark Willemse, Community Services Portfolio Chairperson says: “Unfortunately we had to close the Old Place garden waste disposal site due to a recent fire. Knysna Municipality is aware that this has complicated the disposal of garden waste, but we are taking remedial action.”

The Old Place garden waste disposal site re-opened on Monday 4 July 2016 with the following specifications:

- The site will operate Mondays to Fridays from 7:30 to 16:30, and from 7:30 to 13:00 on Saturdays.
- All garden waste will be chipped on site and removed on a daily basis.
- Developers clearing large properties are required to chip all material before bringing it to the Old Place garden waste disposal site.

Apart from the Old Place garden refuse site, the Sedgefield garden waste disposal site will operate as usual, with the same specifications as for the Old Place site. Payment for dumping at the Sedgefield site can be done at the Sedgefield Municipal Offices in Sedgefield.

“We appreciate the patience and co-operation of affected parties in this matter and apologise for any inconvenience,” adds Willemse, “Waste management is becoming an increasing challenge to Knysna Municipality, but if we all work together by following regulations and temporary measures we can ensure Knysna remains a place where people and nature prosper.”

Please note that neither of these sites will accept building waste and building waste must be taken to the private landfill site at Harkerville. Knysna Municipality will not remove or dispose of any building waste.

It should further be noted that the dumping site in Brenton-on-Sea will not accept any refuse under any circumstances as the Department of Environmental Affairs has closed the site in 2015 and it has been earmarked for rehabilitation.

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