

Shopping trolleys on public places

Fact Sheet

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Shopping trolleys

Shopping trolleys left unattended or abandoned on our roads, footpaths and parks or in our waterways can harm the health and safety of residents, cause property damage, harm the environment and have an adverse impact on local amenity.

Logan City Council has introduced laws that make retailers more responsible for shopping trolleys and prevent them from being taken into public places.

The Law

In Logan City, there are laws for those who use shopping trolleys and for the retailers that make them available for use.

It is an offence under *Council's Local Law No. 10 (Public Health) 1999* for a person to leave a shopping trolley unattended on a public place. A public place means a road, trust land, reserve or premises of which Council is the owner or occupier. A person who contravenes the law may be issued with an on the spot fine.

Retailers that make shopping trolleys available for use must identify their shopping trolleys with their name and address. This helps Council know which retailer owns a shopping trolley if it is impounded from a public place.

Retailers that make more than 25 shopping trolleys available for use must have a containment system.

A containment system may be coin or token operated system which provides a refund of the coin or token when the shopping trolley is returned, or a perimeter system where a wheel locks if the shopping trolley is taken outside the boundary of the shopping centre.

Retailers that have 25 shopping trolleys or less, or those retailers who provide trolleys to transport goods such as timber, hardware, landscape materials or furniture are exempt from the provisions.

Handy hints

Some shoppers may need to adjust their shopping habits to comply with the law.

Many shoppers use EFTPOS or credit cards to pay for their purchases and often don't carry coins.

Some retailers sell small tokens (the size of a coin), which shoppers can put into the coin lock mechanism to use a shopping trolley. These tokens often clip onto your key ring and can be used each time you go shopping without the need to carry coins. When you return the trolley to the trolley bay, the coin or token is returned to you.

If you live close to the shops and walk home, use a trolley bag to transport your shopping. This is a small bag with two wheels and a handle.

Where you live further away from shops and you don't have a car, consider shopping with a friend that has a car, using public transport or catching a taxi.

Do not take shopping trolleys away from shopping centres.

These laws have been put in place to make Logan City a safer place and to improve local amenity.

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