

# WANTED INVASIVE CACTI



**BIN IT  
DON'T  
SPREAD IT**



*Opuntia stricta* - Prickly Pear



*Opuntia elata* - Riverina Pear



*Opuntia microdasys* - Golden Bristle Cactus

Cutting cacti out of your life is now a necessity if your garden contains varieties that have been recently declared as Class A weeds.

Declared cacti include prickly pears, and rope cactus as well as many varieties of *Opuntia* and *Cylindropuntia* (collectively referred to as opuntiods).

All declared Class A cactus infestations and plants (including garden plants) must be eradicated according to the *Weeds Management Act*.

These cacti have been declared across Australia because of their impacts which include environmental damage and injury, pain and suffering to stock and native animals through spine impalement and lodgement of spiny segments in skin and mouth.

Opuntiod cacti are still in the early stage of invasion in the Northern Territory. Most infestations are still relatively small meaning that there is a high chance of achieving eradication by applying herbicide or physically removing plants.

In Central Australia, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council, Cleanaway and Alice Springs Landcare Group have developed a system using wheelie bins, to get cacti safely from gardens to the dump while minimising the risk of spread or injury.

Alice Springs residents are encouraged to 'Bin It, Don't Spread It' by getting cacti out of their gardens before summer sets in. Landholders can now dig out their declared cactus and dispose of all plant material into wheelie bins for kerbside removal to the waste management facility.

Waste containing cacti will be buried at the dump to prevent cacti re-sprouting and spreading further. Please don't transport cacti yourself and never dispose of them in green waste.

Weed Management Officers will be providing affected landholders with early detection and control advice. Officers can also help identify newly declared species in urban gardens.

For further advice on cactus ID and how to control cactus contact the Weed Management Branch by phone (8951 9210) or email [weedinfo@nt.gov.au](mailto:weedinfo@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.nt.gov.au/weeds](http://www.nt.gov.au/weeds)



*Cylindropuntia imbricata* - Devils Rope Cactus



*Cylindropuntia rosea* - Hudson Pear



*Cylindropuntia fulgida* var. *mamillata* - Coral Cactus