Your Gardens Carbon Footprint

What is 'Carbon Footprint'?

The term 'Carbon Footprint' has gained common use to help us understand our individual impact upon the environment. Carbon Footprint quantifies this impact in terms of our greenhouse gas emissions. It then rates their impact in terms of their global warming potential which is expressed as CO_2 equivalent (CO_2e) tonnes.

Are There Footprints In My Garden?

Healthy gardens are obviously positive for the environment however we need to be conscious that many activities carried out in the garden or the actual products used to maintain the garden may either carry negative environmental impacts or in the case or products, may themselves have an excessive carbon footprint as a consequence of their manufacturing.

Chemicals and fertilisers in particular develop very significant footprints as a consequence of the raw materials from which they're made; the actual energy consumed during their manufacturing and of course, their transportation around the globe.

Can I Do Anything About My Footprint?

It is often difficult to comprehend the scale and concept of global warming and more particularly, how as individuals we are able to help. It is perhaps easier to narrow down the detail and 'act globally, think locally'! It's often the small things that will collectively create the greatest benefit.

A good starting point is to consider what environment impacts are associated with the products we purchase,

- What carbon load they carry into our household?
- What environmental impact do they have while we're using them?
- What impact will they have during their disposal?

Carbon Negative Garden Products

It's important to think not only of a products horticultural benefit, but also of its carbon benefit. Australian Native Landscapes has recently launched a world first in Carbon Negative Garden products in its new **CarbonGardening®** range of gardening and landscape products.

The unique aspect of the **CarbonGardening®** range is that each product is carbon negative and actually helps you mitigate or offset your carbon footprint. For more information on this exiting new range, visit www.carbongardening.com.au.