

29 October 2025



Dear Business Owner / Manager,

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO YOUR WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

We are excited to announce that Adelaide Hills Council is expanding its weekly FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) service and properties in the townships of Balhannah, Charleston, Lobethal, Oakbank and Woodside are part of the transition to a more sustainable kerbside bin service.

What's changing?

From **Tuesday 4 November 2025**, East Waste will collect green-lidded organics / FOGO bins weekly and blue-lidded waste to landfill bins fortnightly. Yellow recycling bins will continue to be collected fortnightly.

We understand that businesses operate differently to households and differently to each other, and we have a range of solutions to allow your business to participate in this trial. In addition, we can offer staff training to help your business get on board.

Why is this trial happening?

Council is committed to improving environmental sustainability and diverting waste from landfill, aligning with State Government landfill reduction targets. You can find more information about this on the Adelaide Hills Council Engagement Hub: www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/fogo

How long with the trial last?

Beginning in February 2026, Council will evaluate the outcomes and financial implications from the expanded trial. It is expected that this service will continue beyond the trial phase and be rolled out in other township areas.

Need a reminder to put your bin out?

You can download the free **My Local Services app** for the collection calendar and bin collection reminders: www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au/my-local-services-app

What are the benefits of weekly FOGO bin collection?

Whilst there are many positive outcomes of implementing a more sustainable kerbside service, the key benefits are:

- reduced smell from the green bins by weekly emptying
- increased food recycling rates (as evidenced by our earlier trial)
- properties get 13% (or 100L) more bin capacity each fortnight
- reduced greenhouse gas emissions, from less organic matter rotting in landfill
- helps grow the circular economy in South Australia through the processing and return of nutrient-rich compost back to our agricultural and backyard soils
- supports more local jobs; FOGO processing requires 6.1 full-time jobs per 10,000 tonnes vs only 2.8 for landfill

To allow us to align the weekly FOGO services across townships in the Tuesday bin collection area, township properties on the western side of Onkaparinga Valley Road may present all three bins on **Tuesday 4 November only**. An interactive map of the new collection zones is available at www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/fogo

Here is the updated collection calendar for your area:

NEW COLLECTION CYCLE

GREEN FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) bin collected every week

 **BLUE WASTE** and **GREEN FOGO** bins

 **YELLOW RECYCLING** and **GREEN FOGO** bins

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JUNE 2026

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If you still have questions after reading this letter and checking the information on our website at: www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/fogo please contact us on 8408 0400 or email: mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

Thank you for doing your part by supporting our weekly FOGO trial!

Yours sincerely,

Adelaide Hills Council

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