



INFORMATION GUIDE WEEKLY FOGO TRIAL

Thank you for being part of our transition to weekly Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO). This booklet provides the information you need to make this work for you and your household.

EastWaste



WHAT DOES FOGO MEAN?

FOGO stands for 'Food Organics and Garden Organics' and is the green-lid bin at home. If it grows, it goes in FOGO!

This means, anything that grows (or once grew) belongs in the green FOGO bin, most importantly FOOD!

PUT THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GREEN FOGO BIN



All food waste (incl. meat, fish, bones, dairy, eggs, fruit, vegetables, & bread).



Soiled paper products (shredded paper, paper towel, tissues, & pizza boxes).



Australian certified compostable packaging (AS4736 or AS5810).



All garden organics (including prunings & grass clippings).

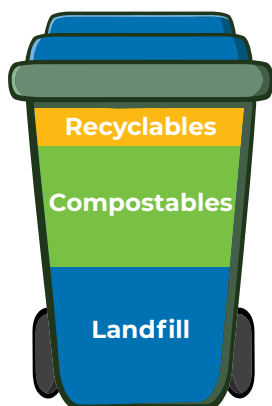
Material placed in the green FOGO bin is collected by East Waste and taken to be turned into compost and mulch products.

WHY TRIAL?

Council is expanding the FOGO trial to support State Government landfill reduction targets and as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

Since October 2023, households in the Woodside trial area have successfully diverted significantly more material from landfill by using the weekly FOGO kerbside service. We hope your household will join them in using the service; helping to keep valuable resources in circulation and contributing to a more sustainable community.

CURRENT CONTENTS OF THE AVERAGE BLUE WASTE TO LANDFILL BIN



- **14% recyclables**
Should go in your yellow recycle bin
- **39% compostables**
Should go in your green FOGO bin
- **47% landfill**

Landfill fees could be reduced if all food and compostable material were placed in the green FOGO bin, rather than the blue landfill bin.

WHAT IS BEING TRIALLED?

From **Tuesday 4 November**, weekly green organics bin collection will begin in your area. This service is expected to continue beyond the trial and expand to other areas, depending on future Council budgets. Your bin collection will change to:



**ORGANICS BIN
[GREEN LID]**
Collected
WEEKLY



**LANDFILL BIN
[BLUE LID]**
Collected
FORTNIGHTLY



**RECYCLING BIN
[YELLOW LID]**
Remains the same
FORTNIGHTLY

NEW TRIAL SERVICE



WEEK 1



WEEK 2

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Pop your green bin out weekly from **Tuesday 4 November**. Your blue bin will be collected fortnightly from **Tuesday 4 November**.

DO YOU LIVE WEST OF ONKAPARINGA VALLEY RD?

We will provide an extra yellow bin collection for properties on the western side of Onkaparinga Valley Road to align all households to the same collection schedule. **On Tuesday 4 November ONLY**, present all three bins for collection. Following this, your collection schedule will be as per the calendar on page 8 of this booklet.

BENEFITS TO YOU!

- 240L more (per fortnight) to place food scraps and garden organics in the green FOGO bin
- 100L per fortnight overall increase in kerbside bin capacity

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Easier to dispose of food waste.

Weekly green organics collection means you can send all your food scraps to be composted without having to worry about smell or waiting another week for collection.

Takes the pressure off rates.

Weekly organics collection makes it easier to use the green bin for food scraps. With more food scraps in the green bins, Council saves money. Why? Because it's five times cheaper to compost organics, rather than sending them to landfill.

Most landfill bins are half full.

Because most landfill bins are half full or less, they don't need to be emptied each week.

Composting creates local jobs.

Putting food and garden waste in your green bin grows the local composting industry. The compost helps increase the productivity of South Australian farms and vineyards.

Better for the environment.

When food waste is composted it breaks down quickly. In contrast, when food waste goes to landfill it breaks down slowly and releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.



Brendan and Simon of Lobethal are looking forward to weekly FOGO because "frequent green bin collection helps us keep our yard tidy, which is especially important in bushfire-prone areas".

WHAT ABOUT THE SMELLY STUFF?

Nappies and hygiene products should always go in the blue landfill bin.

TIPS

If you are worried about the smell of nappies or other hygiene products:

- Dispose of as much solid waste from the nappy as possible into the toilet, before placing the nappy in the landfill bin
- Wrap dirty nappies tightly in a nappy bag
- Store your landfill bin in the shade
- Make sure your lid closes properly
- Place a small amount of odour control agent in the bottom of your bin to repel flies and odours. Use natural products such as vinegar, eucalyptus and mint oils
- Try cloth nappies and or reusable hygiene items, even for part of the time.

Households with children in nappies or people that have a medical condition requiring more landfill bin space can request a larger landfill bin.



TIPS FOR PET WASTE

Pet poo, if wrapped in a compostable bag or newspaper, can go in the green FOGO bin.



Please check for the compostable certification, seedling or home compostable logo.



Clay, silica and crystal cat litter needs to go in the blue landfill bin as these cannot be composted.

CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Use only certified compostable bags in your kitchen caddy to collect food scraps. When full, or after 2 or 3 days, tie the bag up and place it in your green bin.

Already have a caddy? You can return the new one to the Woodside Library.

As part of the trial, you have been provided 75 compostable bags. If you run out of bags, rolls can be purchased from Council Service Centres. Alternatively, you can use the bags provided in the fruit and vegetable section of most supermarkets. Always check the bag says 'compostable'.



USE A KITCHEN CADDY TO COLLECT FOOD SCRAPS

It makes it very easy!



Line the caddy with a compostable bag. Bags must be labelled Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810.



You can also line your kitchen caddy with newspaper.



After 2-3 days, or when the caddy is full, place the collected foodscraps in your green FOGO bin.

TIPS

- A tight-fitting lid on your green FOGO bin will help keep flies and pests away.
- Place lawn clippings, leaves, paper towel or shredded paper on food scraps to absorb moisture and reduce odours.
- Freeze smelliest of scraps like seafood and meat until your collection day.
- All food scraps can be placed loose, or in compostable bags into your green FOGO bin.

GREEN ORGANICS BIN

Remove all plastic and non-compostable packaging from food.



Food scraps raw & cooked



Teabags & coffee grounds



Meat, bones & seafood raw & cooked



Paper towel & tissues



Weeds, garden clippings & flowers



Compostable takeaway packaging



Items labelled compostable AS 4736 & AS 5810



Pet waste



NO plastic packaged food



NO polystyrene foam



NO plastic bags



NO clothing, footwear or textiles



NO plastic containers



NO garden tools or hoses

YELLOW RECYCLING BIN

Items go in empty, rinsed, dry and loose (not in bags).



Paper & cardboard



Hard plastic containers



Hard plastic bottles



Juice & milk cartons



Tins & cans



Glass bottles & jars



Empty aerosols



Clean aluminium



NO clothing, footwear or textiles



NO soft plastic bags or wrapping



NO light globes



NO broken crockery or glassware



NO polystyrene foam



NO food or liquids

BLUE WASTE TO LANDFILL BIN

Not all waste can be placed in the blue bin.



Soft plastic bags & wrapping



Polystyrene foam



Clothing, footwear & textiles



Disposable nappies & sanitary items



Broken crockery & glassware



Kitty litter crystals



Ropes & hoses

NEVER IN ANY BIN

Search 'Waste and Recycling' at ahc.sa.gov.au



NO batteries



NO electronic waste



NO tyres



NO liquid paint



NO building materials, dirt or rocks



NO coolant or motor oil



NO chemicals or poisons

YOUR BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE BEGINNING TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

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

NOVEMBER 2025

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BLUE WASTE BIN

GREEN FOGO BIN

Collection



YELLOW RECYCLING BIN

GREEN FOGO BIN

Collection



Collection day reminders available via the free My Local Services App



AHC ENCOURAGES ALL HOUSEHOLDS TO GIVE WEEKLY FOGO A CHANCE.

Whilst most households are ready for this change, we understand that not all households are the same, so please contact council if you are having any issues with the trial.

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More information about weekly FOGO and upcoming information sessions can be found at www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/fogo or via this QR code.

