WOODSIDE RURAL TRIAL AREA

INFORMATION GUIDE
FORTNIGHTLY FOGO TRIAL

Thank you for taking part in the fortnightly Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) trial. The information enclosed will help ensure that this works for you and your household or your business.

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WHAT IS BEING TRIALED?

Starting Tuesday, 24 October, Adelaide Hills Council will begin a 12 month trial of a more environmentally sustainable waste and recycling service. The trial aims to encourage the correct use of current waste streams and boost landfill diversion.

During the trial, bin collections will change for participating households and businesses.

NEW FOGO (GREEN LID) BIN
Will be collected fortnightly

RECYCLING (YELLOW LID) BIN
Will be collected fortnightly

GENERAL WASTE (BLUE LID) BIN
Change to fortnightly collection

BENEFITS TO YOU!

- **240L more (per fortnight) to place food scraps and garden organics in the green FOGO bin!**
- **19% overall increase (100L more per fortnight) in bin disposal capacity.**

CURRENT SERVICE

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

NEW TRIAL SERVICE

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WHY TRIAL?

We want to know what bin system works best for our community and the environment. The trial will look at community acceptance, logistics, environmental outcomes, and economic value.

Providing a fortnightly green FOGO service and a fortnightly blue landfill service will encourage the community to place more food waste in their FOGO bin (where it belongs).

Adelaide Hills Council and East Waste encourage everyone to “Give fortnightly FOGO a GOGO!” and provide us with your feedback. We appreciate it is a significant change, but also believe that it can have a number of benefits.

Council will assess the overall results of the trial and then provide a report to Council with recommendations.

FOGO
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WHAT DOES FOGO MEAN?

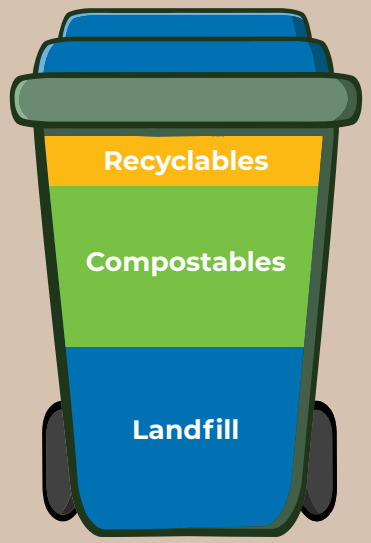
FOGO stands for ‘Food Organics and Garden Organics’ and is the green-lid bin at home.

If it grows, it goes in FOGO! Meaning anything that grows (or once grew) belongs in the green-lid FOGO bin, most importantly FOOD!

This includes:

- all food waste (including meat, fish, bones, dairy, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and bread),
- soiled paper products (shredded paper, paper towel, tissues, and pizza boxes),
- Australian certified compostable packaging (AS4736 or AS5810),
- all garden organics (e.g. prunings and grass clippings).

Material placed in the green FOGO bin is collected by East Waste and taken to Jeffries Soils (a commercial composting facility) where it is turned into compost.



CURRENT CONTENTS OF THE AVERAGE BLUE WASTE TO LANDFILL BIN

- **13.9% recyclables** (should go in your yellow recycle bin)
- **39.4% compostables** (should go in your green FOGO bin)
- **46.7% landfill**

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

WHAT IS IN YOUR BLUE BIN?

Did you know that almost 40% of materials found in most blue landfill bins could be placed in the green FOGO bin?

THIS INCLUDES

- **14.5% food** (loose or in compostable bags)
- **6.8% packaged food** in bags or containers (which could be unpackaged and placed in the green FOGO bin)
- **15.9% garden organics** (lawn clippings, leaves, weeds and clippings)
- **2.3% compostable paper and cardboard** (paper bags, pizza boxes, tissues and paper towel)

Just 7.7% of food waste is correctly disposed of by residents via organics (green FOGO) bins. This means that 92.3% is being wasted in the blue landfill bin or contaminating the yellow recycle bin.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FORTNIGHTLY GREEN FOGO BIN COLLECTIONS?

- Provides a more convenient option for recycling food waste.
- Gives residents 19% more bin capacity (620 vs 520 litres per fortnight).
- Lowers landfill volumes and greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste is the third biggest action for reversing global warming.
- Delivers a more cost-effective and environmentally sustainable service than the current offering.
- Reduces payments of the SA solid waste levy and exposure to future increases in the levy.
- Increases recycling of food waste via green FOGO bins. These materials are sent for composting and used by local farms and gardens to increase nutrients in the soil, reduce irrigation needs and grow our food.
- Supports local jobs.
- Providing fortnightly FOGO and a fortnightly landfill collection service may actively encourage the community to place more food organics in their green FOGO bin whilst reducing bin odour.

WHO'S IN THE TRIAL?

The trial will take place on the Tuesday collection day in Woodside East (approximately 77 households/businesses).

WHAT DO HOUSEHOLDS NEED TO DO?

Pop your green bin out fortnightly from Tuesday, 24 October.

Your blue bin will be collected fortnightly from Tuesday, 24 October.

Check out the handy collection calendar at the back of this flyer. If you'd like weekly reminders subscribe to the MyLocal services app.

Further details available on page 17 of this booklet.

MAP KEY

Households/businesses in the Woodside rural fortnightly Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) trial area.

FAQS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

Issues with the trial

We understand that not all households are the same, so please contact council if you are having any issues with the trial.

Call 8408 0400
Email mail@ahc.sa.gov.au
Website ahc.sa.gov.au

Worried about the smell of nappies or other hygiene products in your landfill bin?

If you are worried about the smell of nappies or other hygiene products in your landfill bin, you'll find tips for managing smell on page 12.

Don't have a green bin?

If your property has never had a green FOGO bin, contact Council.
Call 8408 0400
Email mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

Like to know more about wasting less?

The best way to waste less is to avoid or reduce from the get-go. Please read our helpful waste reduction tips on pages 13-14.

I am unsure what goes in which bin - can I talk to someone?

Take a look at page 9 of this brochure and if you're still unsure call us on 8408 0400.

For more information on weekly FOGO

I love this trial, how can I share my bin success story?

We are keen to hear local stories about bin change success!

If you are interested in helping to promote fortnightly FOGO, you can become a 'binfluencer'!

FOGO influencers can tell their story via the Council and East Waste webpages.

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How do I get more information on the fortnightly FOGO trial?

Call Adelaide Hills Council 8408 0400
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Chat to us at one of our information events.

- **Sunday, 15 October,** 11am – 2pm, near Woodside Library and Playground FREE BBQ and chat.
- **Thursday, 19 October,** 4pm – 7pm, near Woodside Library and Playground FREE Coffee, ice-creams and chat.

How will the trial be evaluated?

Participant feedback along with other data and information gathered throughout the trial, will be collated and provided in a Council report at the end of the trial period.

How can I give feedback throughout the trial?

Trial Participants can provide feedback at any time, either call 8408 0400 or visit ahc.sa.gov.au or use the QR code left.

FAQS FOR BUSINESSES

What do businesses need to do to be part of the trial?

Businesses that already have a green FOGO bin service will automatically be part of the trial. Fortnightly green FOGO bin collections will become the default service once the trial begins on Tuesday 24, October 2023 for businesses within the trial area.

We do not have a green FOGO bin – how do I get one?

Businesses that currently do not have a green FOGO bin will be sent a letter informing them about the trial and invite them to opt-in if they wish to use a green bin service.

Simply contact Council and we will deliver a green FOGO bin.

We use a commercial waste collection service – can we still be part of the trial?

Yes, you can opt-in to the trial and have a green FOGO bin delivered to you and added to Council's regular waste kerbside collection service.

Our business produces very little food and organic waste so we don't need a green FOGO bin. Do we need to be part of this trial?

We understand that some businesses will generate very little food and organic waste and may not have the space to store a green FOGO bin. If this relates to you or you have other concerns, just give us a call or email us, so we can work out a solution that best suits your business.

My business does not require a green FOGO bin, will my landfill bin be collected fortnightly?

All landfill bins within the trial area will be collected fortnightly. Contact Council if you have questions or concerns.

I have a number of different staff that manage the bins, can Council offer some training support for us to use the bins correctly?

Yes, Council and East Waste can assist with this. Our friendly education staff can visit your premises to deliver training and support to you. Please call Adelaide Hills Council to enquire.

If any of the above situations apply to your business, please contact us on 8408 0400 or email mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

KITCHEN CADDIES AND COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Only use certified Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810 bags.

Compostable bags differ to biodegradable bags, so it is important to only use compostable bags when recycling your food scraps.

As part of the trial, you have been provided with a supply of 75 compostable bags. If you run out of bags, replacement bags can be purchased from Council Service Centres.

These bags can also be purchased at some local supermarkets or you could line your basket with newspaper.

USING YOUR KITCHEN CADDY

It's easy to collect food scraps

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

- Place lawn clippings, leaves or shredded paper on food scraps to absorb moisture and reduce odours.
- Freeze 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.

CATCH 'EM IN A CADDY... FEED 'EM TO THE GREEN FOGO BIN

These items go in the green FOGO bin

MEAT, SEAFOOD & BONES
Cooked and raw

DAIRY PRODUCTS CHEESE & YOGHURT

COFFEE GROUNDS

TEA BAGS & TEA LEAVES

EGGS & OYSTER SHELLS

FOOD SCRAPS
Cooked and raw

FRUIT & VEGETABLE PEELINGS

HAIR & FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS

CUT FLOWERS

SHREDDED PAPER
Small quantities

PAPER TOWEL

TISSUES

CAKE & BREAD

COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY
Must be labelled Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810

WHICH BIN? THE GREEN FOGO BIN

Bread pasta and rice

Vegetable and fruit peelings

Cheese and yoghurt

Cooked or raw food scraps

Tea bags and coffee grounds

Meat, seafood and bones

Egg shells and oyster shells

Pet waste

Garden and lawn clippings, leaves and weeds

Tissues, paper towel and small quantities shredded paper

Certified compostable bags and food packaging

Compostable takeaway food containers

NEVER IN THE GREEN FOGO BIN

NO plastic bags or wrapping

NO plastic packaged food

NO clothing footwear or textiles

NO plastic containers or bottles

NO building materials

NO general waste

TIPS FOR DISPOSING OF NAPPIES AND OTHER HYGIENE PRODUCTS

The move to fortnightly green FOGO collections and fortnightly blue landfill bin collections will help to divert significantly more food waste from landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Some products, including nappies and other hygiene products, however can't be recycled or turned into high quality compost and must still be placed in your landfill bin.

A fortnightly landfill bin service shouldn't affect bin odour.

A nappy trial undertaken by Lake Macquarie City Council found that the average odour of a landfill bin with nappy waste for a week was approximately the same as the average odour rating of a nappy bin the end of the fortnight.

The amount of nappies in the bin also did not have a significant effect on the odour rating of the bin.

NO nappies or hygiene products

Nappies and hygiene products must still be placed in your blue landfill bin

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE SMELL OF NAPPIES OR OTHER HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN YOUR LANDFILL BIN FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

- Dispose of as much solid waste 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. You can use natural products such as vinegar, eucalyptus and mint oils or crystals
- Try cloth nappies and or reusable hygiene items.

If you have any concerns or issues, please contact Council on 8408 0400 or email mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

WAYS TO WASTE LESS

1. AVOID AND REDUCE

The best way to waste less is to avoid or reduce it from the get-go.

Consider the waste that might be produced from items you buy and use. What is the packaging like? Will you dispose of the product shortly after purchase.

To reduce the amount of waste you produce, avoid:

- **single-use**, disposable containers, cutlery, plates and cups
- **polystyrene packaging**, like foam veggie and meat trays
- **buying excess food** – make a shopping list before you shop, or plan to eat any leftovers
- **plastic bags**
- **individually** packaged food items
- **pre-packed** fresh fruit and vegetables
- items with **excess packaging**
- **cheap, non-durable items**, or items likely to end up in landfill
- **impulse buying**
- **buying new** products where you can borrow or get second hand.

Use up products you already have – items like notebooks and pens and have items repaired where possible, instead of buying new.

2. RE-USE

If you can buy something as a single-use product, chances are there's a reusable alternative available.

Sometimes a product might have more uses than the one you originally purchased it for.

To go re-usable, try:

- swapping plastic disposable bottles for a **reusable bottle**,
- shopping in bulk at a bulk food and cleaning product store and bring **reusable and refillable containers, jars and bags**
- switching disposable coffee cups for a **reusable coffee cup**
- using **reusable shopping bags**, made from materials like bamboo, jute, recycled PET, or organic cotton
- swapping plastic produce bags for **reusable produce bags**
- storing your leftovers in **reusable containers** instead of covering them with cling wrap or foil
- **reusing or repurposing old clothing** to create another clothing item, bedding or accessories
- using worn out clothes as **rags for cleaning** or mechanical work
- donating unwanted items in good condition to charity stores.

3. RECYCLE

Where you can't avoid, reduce or reuse, the next best option is to recycle.

A recent audit found that 13.5% of recyclable material was placed in the waste to landfill bin.

Items that can be recycled through your yellow recycling bin include:

- **paper and cardboard**, such as newspapers, egg cartons, magazines, cardboard boxes, envelopes, wrapping paper and drink cartons
- **rigid plastic**, such as disposable drink bottles, butter, ice cream and yoghurt containers, takeaway food containers, and milk and juice bottles
- **glass** bottles and jars
- **metal containers**, such as tin, aluminium and steel cans and lids, aluminium foil trays and foil wrappers (scrunched into fist-sized ball), and empty aerosol cans.

Be sure to **empty and rinse** any items that held food or drink before placing them in your yellow recycling bin.

It's not just your yellow bin you can use for recycling – your green FOGO bin can be used to recycle compostable organic items.

4. COMPOST

A recent audit found almost 40% material placed in the blue waste to landfill bin was food and compostable material.

This could have been composted through the green FOGO bin or at home instead.

Items that can be recycled through your green organics bin include:

- **food scraps**, including citrus, onion, dairy, meat, bones, fish, fruit and vegetable scraps
- **certified compostable** bags and food packaging – look for the seedling, AS 4736 certification or home compost AS 5810 symbols
- **greasy pizza boxes**
- **tissues and paper towel**
- **coffee grounds, tea leaves** and paper tea bags
- loose **shredded paper**, and other **small bits of paper**
- **hair and fingernail clippings**
- **pet waste** (never in plastic)
- **flowers** (minus any plastic wrapping)
- **garden and lawn clippings, leaves and weeds** (never in a plastic bag)
- **pencil and other wood shavings.**

QUICK BIN REFERENCE GUIDE

Using your bins correctly will reduce our impact on the environment.
For information on items which don't go in any bin visit **WHICHBIN.COM.AU**

YELLOW RECYCLING BIN

- Paper and cardboard
- Rigid plastic containers
- Juice and milk cartons
- Tins and cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium foil and trays
- Aerosols (empty)
- **NO** polystyrene foam
- **NO** clothing, footwear or textiles
- **NO** plastic bags or wrapping
- **NO** building materials, dirt or rocks
- **NO** broken crockery or glassware

BLUE WASTE BIN

- Soft plastics
- Polystyrene foam
- Clothing, footwear and textiles
- Single use nappies
- Broken crockery and glassware
- Ropes and hoses
- **NO** cooking or motor oil
- **NO** liquid paint
- **NO** tyres
- **NO** e-waste or batteries
- **NO** building materials, dirt or rocks
- **NO** chemicals or poisons

HARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

To book a hard waste or mattress collection (1 collection per financial year) visit eastwaste.com.au or email east@eastwaste.com or call 8347 5111. (Fees apply).

WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED

- Air-conditioners
- Bikes and toys
- Blinds and window covers
- Dismantled clothes lines
- Furniture
- Hot water services
- Lawn mowers
- Mattresses (must be booked separately)
- Rainwater tanks (up to 2 metre lengths, must be booked separately)
- Refrigerators and freezers (for safety reasons please remove doors and degass by licensed professional)
- Sheets of iron and guttering (up to 2 metre lengths)
- Small items of scrap metal
- Timber off-cuts (up to 2 metre lengths)
- White goods
- Wooden pallets (if non refundable/returnable)

Materials can only be placed on the kerb up to 24 hours before your scheduled collection.

WHAT WON'T BE COLLECTED

- Ammunition
- Any liquids
- Asbestos
- Batteries
- Car parts
- Ceramics, bricks, pavers, concrete or building materials
- Chemicals
- Explosives or flares
- Electronic waste (TVs, computers, printers, phones, DVD & VCR players, stereos, iPods etc)
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor coverings
- Gas bottles
- Green organic waste, grass clippings or garden waste
- Items too heavy for two people to lift
- Motor oil
- Motor vehicle tyres
- Paints
- Glass and shower screens

For information on recycling or disposing of items which won't be collected visit **WHICHBIN.COM.AU**

I LOVE THIS TRIAL, HOW CAN I SHARE MY BIN SUCCESS STORY?

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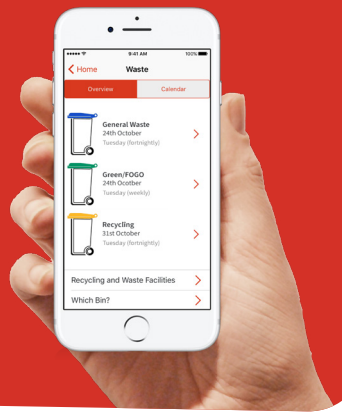
USE THE MY LOCAL SERVICES APP TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR NEW BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- Collection Calendar
- Bin collection reminders
- Waste reduction and recycling tips
- Helpful links and information

Download the free My Local Services app on your phone



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YOUR BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE BEGINNING TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER

NEW COLLECTION CYCLE

BLUE WASTE and **GREEN FOGO** bins collected fortnightly on the same day

YELLOW RECYCLING bins collected fortnightly

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY COLLECTIONS

No Collections on Christmas and New Year's Day. Collections will be the day after your normal collection day for these weeks.

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FIRST WEEK OF TRIAL

TUESDAY
24 OCTOBER

BLUE WASTE BIN
GREEN FOGO BIN
Collected TOGETHER

SECOND WEEK OF TRIAL

TUESDAY
31 OCTOBER

YELLOW RECYCLING BIN
Collected

GREEN FOGO BIN V BLUE LANDFILL BIN

- Picked up by council and sent to a commercial composter.
- Turned into compost, a valuable product used by SA food growers to:
  - Grow our food
  - Return nutrients to the soil
  - Reduce water use
  - Reduce synthetic fertilisers
  - Improve crop yields
- More SA jobs. Employs more people. Composting creates 6.1 full time equivalent jobs per 10,000 tonnes of resources compared to 2.8 for landfill.

- Picked up by council and sent to landfill.
- Landfill rots and produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.
- No compost produced. Nutrients in the food scraps are lost in landfill and not applied to agricultural land where they can add value.
- Less SA jobs. Employs less people. Only 2.8 full time equivalent jobs per 10,000 tonnes of landfill compared to 6.1 for composting.

A BIG DIFFERENCE

Thank you for helping to make a big difference by placing food and other compostable material in your green FOGO bin instead of the blue landfill bin!

We're here to chat so please be in touch with any questions via 8408 0400 or email mail@ahc.sa.gov.au

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