

A Guide to your Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) system



YOUR FOGO BIN WILL BE COLLECTED WEEKLY

What does FOGO mean?

FOGO stands for Food Organics, Garden Organics and refers to the weekly collection of food scraps and garden organics, which once collected will be turned into compost. A handy way to think about FOGO is 'If it didn't live or grow, it isn't FOGO'.

When will the Organics bin service start?

You will be advised of the specific start date prior to the roll-out however the Shire will begin implementing this service from 1 July 2024. The service will be delivered to all households with an existing domestic Rubbish and Recycling bin service.

Why are we moving to FOGO?

The less we send to landfill, the better for our environment. Right now, up to half the contents of our red lid general waste bin is organic material that ends up in landfill. Under the FOGO system, we can divert this material from landfill and turn it into compost.

The WA State Government requires all local governments in Perth and Peel to move to FOGO by 2025. The Shire's adoption of FOGO is part of our ongoing commitment to reduce waste and reduce greenhouse gases.

Food Organics, Garden Organics make up about 50% of household waste.

By putting organic waste in the FOGO bin it can all be turned into compost.



WHAT CHANGES WILL HAPPEN TO MY BIN SERVICE?

If you currently have the two-bin system, your household will soon have three separate bins: a general waste bin, a FOGO bin and a recycling bin.

You will have a 240 litre lime-green lidded FOGO bin, for all your food scraps and garden clippings, which will be turned into high-quality compost and collected weekly. You will keep your yellow lidded recycling bin, which will continue to be collected fortnightly. You will have a 140 litre red lidded general waste bin for general rubbish items that can't be recycled or turned into compost, which will be sent to landfill and collected on the alternative fortnight to your yellow lidded recycling bin. If you find your household is struggling with capacity issues after you start using the new bins, contact us to see if a solution can be provided to you. You will also be provided with a kitchen caddy when your new bins are dropped off. The caddy will be attached to your lime-green lidded FOGO bin. Inside the kitchen caddy will be a roll of compostable liners for use in your kitchen caddy and information to help you use your new bins.

Why are the bin lid colours changing?

The bin lids are changing to comply with Australian Standard colours for waste bins. This will assist in delivering consistent messaging across the State and enabling improved source separation and reduced contamination of waste streams.



FOGO FOR COMPOST WILL BE COLLECTED WEEKLY

What can go in your FOGO bin?

If it didn't grow, it's not FOGO. Only food scraps, garden waste and compostable liners can go in the lime-green lid FOGO bin.



Food Scraps



Fruit and vegetables



Bread, rice and dairy



Meat, bones, shells and seafood



Coffee grounds and tea bags



Used paper towels, tissues and shredded paper



Plants, weeds and small prunings



Compostable liners

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



No nappies



No plastic



No glass

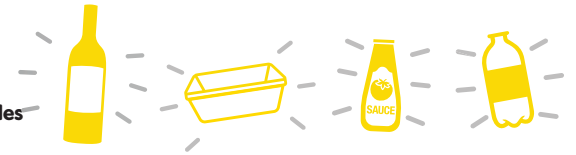
RECYCLING COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

Three easy recycling rules

1

Rinse

Empty and rinse your recyclables to reduce contamination



2

Loose

Items should always be loose. Bagged items can not be recycled



3

Lids off

Remove lids from bottles and containers



If you're unsure what should go in your yellow lid recycling bin, find the answer online at recycleright.wa.gov.au



RECYCLING COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

What can go in your RECYCLING bin?



Glass bottles and jars
(lids removed)



Paper and cardboard
(flattened)



Aluminium and steel cans



Plastic bottles and containers
(lids removed)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



No nappies



No batteries or hazardous waste



No clothing



No food scraps

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GENERAL WASTE NOW COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY

Use your general waste bin for items that cannot be composted or recycled. If you're sorting your waste correctly, this smaller bin should be big enough for most households.



General rubbish



Nappies and hygiene products



Meat trays



Soft plastics and polystyrene



Small plastic items
(straws, lids, cutlery)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



No e-waste



No light globes



No aerosols



No paint

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For further information, you can contact the EMRC Waste Education team on **(08) 9424 2222** or via email at **WasteEducation@emrc.org.au** or you can contact the Shire of Mundaring on **(08) 9290 6666** and speak with the Waste Team or email **shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au**

