



FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS USER GUIDE



COMPOSTABLE
LINER AS 4736



NO PLASTIC
BAGS

In 2024 **FOGO collection services diverted 67,000 tonnes of emissions from landfill in Wollongong!** That's the same as removing 15,000 cars from our roads for 1 year.

Food scraps still make up about 30% of all waste found in household red bins across Wollongong. **This is about 120kg per household per year.**

When food scraps and garden organics go into landfill, they take up space and produce methane. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas; it is **80 times stronger** at warming the Earth than carbon dioxide, over 20 years.

By placing your food scraps and garden organics into your green FOGO Bin we turn them into **nutrient-rich compost** right here in Wollongong, it is then used to improve our local soils and plants.



Residents are provided with a **kitchen caddy and compostable bags** to assist in the recycling of all food scraps from your kitchen. When you run out of liners, you are able to collect a new roll for **free from any Wollongong City Council Library**. See over for a step-by-step guide on how to FOGO!



FOGO TIPS

- **All food scraps go into FOGO**, including raw or cooked meat, fish, bread, cheese, out-of-date food, fruit and vegetables.
- **Meat and seafood scraps can be frozen** until collection day. Freeze them in a compostable caddy liner provided and throw it straight into your green FOGO bin just before collection.
- **Empty your food scraps into your FOGO bin every 2-3 days** as the compostable caddy liner will start to break down into compost when exposed to moisture and heat.
- **No plastic or biodegradable bags** as these will be treated as contamination. Any compostable bags or liners placed in your green FOGO Bin must display the Australian Standard – AS 4736.



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- **Empty your caddy regularly and wash it out** to stop fruit flies and minimise odours. Place a small dish with some apple cider vinegar and a dash of dishwashing liquid near your caddy to trap any fruit flies.

GIVE FOGO A GO IN THREE EASY STEPS



STEP ONE

Collect all food scraps and place them in the kitchen caddy that is lined with a compostable caddy liner. Please do not use plastic bags of any kind.



STEP TWO

Empty your kitchen caddy regularly into your green FOGO Bin. Tip: Layer food waste with garden waste in your green FOGO Bin and store in the shade to minimise odours.



STEP THREE

Place your green FOGO Bin out on the **kerb for collection** every week. Remember it does not need to be full to be collected.

