FOGO

Food Organics Garden Organics

Make compost not landfill







What is the FOGO pilot?

The Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) pilot is a weekly collection for food scraps and garden waste. FOGO helps reduce household waste going to landfill. Your FOGO bin contents is turned into compost right here in Canberra.

You can use your lime green lidded FOGO bin for garden waste — along with all your food scraps.

Join us in making compost not landfill!

How to FOGO

Use a container or kitchen caddy to collect food scraps as you prepare meals and clean up leftovers.

Caddy liners are optional, but must be to Australian Standard 8510. Empty the contents into your FOGO bin as required.



Line a caddy with a certified compostable liner (or tip food in loose).



Place all your food scraps in the caddy.



Once full, empty into your FOGO bin.



What goes in my FOGO bin?

Some materials are not accepted in your FOGO bin, this is called contamination. By keeping out contamination, we can ensure compost made from FOGO material is high quality.

Yes — these items can go in your FOGO bin.



All food scraps including:

leftovers and cooked food



dairy products



yoghurt, cheese and eggs



take away food (no containers)



vegetable scraps



certified compostable liners

Garden waste: grass clippings



fruit scraps (stickers removed)



meat/fish scraps and bones (no oyster shells)



pruning, cuttings, trimmings



bread, grains and cereals



twigs and sticks



coffee grounds and tea leaves







weeds



No — these items can't go in your FOGO bin.



plastic bags	plastic products	9
tea bags	sanitary products	56
animal droppings	vacuum dust	R
kitty litter and animal bedding	treated and painted timber	
hair #	building products	兴
paper	motal	
tissues and	metal	
paper towel	glass	Ÿ
biodegradable bags	textiles and old clothing	**
oyster shells		
In doubt? Leave it out. Search the Recyclopaed	lia, your A-Z guide to	

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act.gov.au/recyclopaedia

When will my bins be collected?



For your bin collection calendar visit: act.gov.au/bins

Some (but not all) apartments and townhouses are part of the FOGO pilot.

These buildings have FOGO bins along with recycling and landfill bins in the shared waste areas.



Tips to FOGO like a pro

- Keep your kitchen caddy closed.
- Wash your caddy regularly (it's dishwasher safe).
- You can put stinky scraps like meat and seafood bones in the freezer until just before collection to help keep it odour free.
- If possible, keep your FOGO bin in the shade.



The FOGO pilot is being delivered to over 5000 households in Belconnen Town Centre, Bruce, Cook and Macquarie to test the FOGO service before it is rolled out to the wider Canberra community.

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