FAQs

3 BIN KERBSIDE ROLLOUT

FOGO = FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS

WHAT IS FOGO?

FOGO stands for Food Organics and Garden Organics. It covers the organic waste we generate in the kitchen and garden – obvious things like food scraps and grass clippings, but also greasy cardboard, shredded paper and dog poo.

For more information about what items can go in your FOGO bin, refer to the categories stamped on your FOGO bin lid and the fact sheet in the information booklet provided with your new bin. You can also pick up a fridge magnet from the Council Office showing what goes in each bin.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FOGO?

Using the FOGO bin instead of the red bin reduces your carbon footprint, saves space in your red bin, reduces the amount (and cost) of waste going into landfill and creates valuable compost.

WILL MY RATES CHANGE BECAUSE OF FOGO?

No. Each bin will continue to be collected fortnightly, with collections alternating each week.

The three-bin system is cost-neutral, with no additional cost passed on to ratepayers.

WHEN WILL THE FOGO SERVICE START?

The new service is planned to start in January 2027. An updated collection calendar and information booklet will be provided with your new bin. Bin day reminders are also available through the free My Local Services App.

WHAT BINS WILL I HAVE & WHEN WILL THEY BE COLLECTED?



WEEK 1
GREEN FOGO BIN
AND RED WASTE BIN

WEEK 2
YELLOW
RECYCLING BIN

Each household should have the following three bins:

- 1 x 140L **Red-Lid General Waste Bin** – collected fortnightly with the FOGO bin
- 1 x 240L **Yellow-Lid Recycling Bin** – collected fortnightly
- 1 x 240L **Lime Green-Lid FOGO Bin** – collected fortnightly with your waste bin.

Each bin has a serial number that will be linked to the property.

WHAT IS MY LOCAL SERVICES APP AND HOW DO I DOWNLOAD IT?

Residents are encouraged to download the free My Local Services App on their mobile devices. The App can be set to your Council area and residential address, with bin day notifications telling you which bin to put out the night before collection.

To download the App, search My Local in the App Store or Google Play, select My Local Services and follow the prompts to install.

Collection day notifications available via the free My Local Services App

WHO IS DELIVERING THE BINS, WHAT WILL I RECEIVE AND DO I NEED TO BE HOME?

The Rotary Club of Port Lincoln, with the help of other not-for-profit community and sporting groups, will assemble and deliver the FOGO bins and kitchen caddies.

Residents will receive:

- a 240L FOGO bin
- a 7L kitchen caddy
- roll(s) of compostable liner bags
- an information booklet
- an updated collection calendar.

You don't need to be home. Your new FOGO bin and kitchen caddy will be left at the kerb or in a safe place.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A RECYCLING BIN, OR THE LID ISN'T YELLOW?

You don't need to request anything.

If your property does not have a recycling bin, Council will provide one free of charge.

If your recycling bin has a dark green lid, simply place it out as normal on your recycling collection day. Rotary will swap the dark green lid for a yellow lid as part of the normal recycling collection.

Recycling bins previously purchased by residents remain their property. Bins supplied by Council remain Council property and must stay with the property.

WILL I HAVE ENOUGH SPACE IF MY RED BIN IS ONLY COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY?

The last waste audit showed almost 60% of the contents of 140L red bins consisted of organic material. Moving this into the 240L FOGO bin will free up a lot of space in your red-lidded waste bin.

Overall, households will have an additional 100L of bin space, so there should be enough room for most households. If you experience difficulties (for example if your household has nappies or similar needs), contact Council to discuss an additional bin or other support.

I DON'T THINK I'LL HAVE MUCH ORGANIC WASTE. DO I STILL NEED A FOGO BIN?

Yes. Many items such as meat, bones, dairy and dog poo can't go in home compost, and garden waste may be difficult to manage at home.

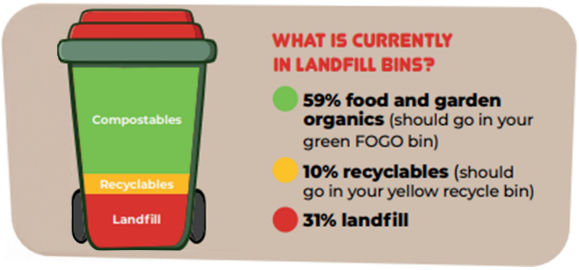
The FOGO bin accepts food scraps and garden organics, including items such as greasy pizza boxes, so it works alongside home composting. Lawn clippings are not permitted in the red-lidded waste bin.

I LIVE IN A UNIT WITH SHARED BINS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Each household will need kitchen caddies and compostable liner bags for food waste.

For units with shared kerbside bins, you may be able to share a FOGO bin with your neighbours, but someone will need to be responsible for putting it out on collection day.

To discuss this option further, please call Council on (08) 8621 2300.



HOW DO I KNOW WHAT GOES IN EACH BIN?

There are a few easy ways to check what goes in each bin. Find information stamped on top of your FOGO and recycling bin lids, refer to your information booklet, visit the Council website under Services & Facilities tab, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Centre section, **"Your Guide to Waste, Recycling and FOGO"** or visit whichbin.sa.gov.au.

Items that don't belong in the FOGO bin include:

- **Plastic bags** – if you would like to line your FOGO bin, you can purchase 240L compostable bin liners.
- **Food in plastic bags** – remove food such as carrots, potatoes and oranges from their plastic bags first.
- **Plastic or biodegradable containers** – only packaging clearly labelled as compostable can go in your FOGO bin.
- **Pot plants, hoses or other garden materials, building materials or general waste.**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RUN OUT OF BIN LINERS?

Compostable bin liners can be purchased from Council. Compostable bags from supermarkets can also be used, but make sure they comply with Australian Standard AS 4736-2006 and have the Seedling logo.

AS 4736 - this certifies the material can be composted through your green bin at a commercial compost facility.

AS 5810 - this certifies the material can be composted in your home compost bin.

BIODEGRADABLE ISN'T THE SAME AS COMPOSTABLE

Some biodegradable packaging still contains plastic. It may break down into smaller pieces of plastic rather than composting completely.

Check the label and only put packaging in your FOGO bin if it's clearly marked as compostable.

I AM CONCERNED MY BIN WILL SMELL. WHAT CAN I DO?

FOGO bin: Place food scraps in compostable bags or wrap them in newspaper. Mixing food waste with garden prunings, lawn clippings or shredded paper can help absorb moisture and reduce odours.

Smellier items such as seafood, meat scraps and dairy can be frozen in compostable bags and placed in the FOGO bin the day before collection.

Red bin: With food scraps going into the FOGO bin, your red-lidded bin should have fewer items that cause odours. Keep the bin in the shade with the lid closed, and double bag nappies.

I'M A BUSINESS, OR STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE CHANGES. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

For business enquiries, or if you have read the information and are still concerned about your circumstances, please contact Council at plcc@plcc.sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8621 2300 to discuss how we can support you.

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