

WASTE WISE

FOGO Handy Hints

Smell - caddy

- Empty caddy with or without compostable liners every 2-3 days
- Rinse the caddy with water and allow to dry fully before replacing the liner
- Sprinkle bicarb soda in the base to absorb odours
- Wrap food scraps in newspaper

Too much space - caddy

- Caddies do not need to be kept on the bench, it can be stored in a cupboard, under the sink or in a draw when not in use
- When cutting up food, simply pull the caddy from its storage location, place it on the bench for use, then when finished place it back into its storage location.

Smell - green bin

- Tie caddy liners prior to disposal
- Rinse green bin with water and mild detergent between uses
- Allow bin to dry, with lid open in full sunlight before adding wastes
- Sprinkle bicarb soda, vinegar, charcoal or eucalyptus oil in the green bin to reduce odours
- Keep food scraps in the fridge or freezer until the night before your bin collection day
- Keep green bin in a shady spot especially during warmer months

Messy or yucky - green bin or caddy

- Line the base of the caddy or green bin with newspaper or paper towel to absorb liquids
- Rinse the caddy or bin on a regular basis
- Allow to air dry fully before reusing

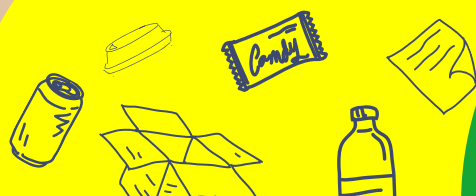
Pests - caddy

- Do not over fill the caddy
- Keep your caddy lid closed at all times - pests and insects are attracted when food waste is accessible
- Empty and rinse your caddy as needed - caddies, like other indoor bins need to be cleaned from time to time

Pests - green bin

- Keep your bin lid closed whenever there is waste in the bin
- If the green lid is broken or damaged, contact Council to organise a repair or replacement
- If the body of the green bin is broken or damaged, contact Council to organise a repair or replacement
- Purchase a Bin Kill tag that can be attached to the inside of your organics bin. The tag emits a vapour that kills flies and maggots. The product is available from Bunnings, Coles or Woolworths supermarkets.

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Food stuck - bottom of the green bin

- Place sticks and branches at the bottom of the bin to assist items to fall out of the bin upon emptying
- Layer garden and food waste throughout the bin to assist with items sticking in the bin, this will also assist with odour control
- Place a couple of sheets of newspaper on the bottom of the bin to assist with items not sticking to the bottom of the bin
- Wrap messy food waste in newspaper or place them in a compostable bag before placing them in the green bin
- Clean your bin with an outdoor broom and water after it is emptied to remove any items that may be stuck to the walls or bottom of the bin
- Search online for domestic wheelie bin cleaners that operate locally

Reducing Smells

- Use paper towel or newspaper at the bottom of the bin or caddy to absorb liquid
- Wrap or double wrap smelly items such as seafood, fish, meat or bones with newspaper or paper towel
- Use compostable liners in your caddy, tie them off before placing them in the green bin
- Wrap and place smelly items such as seafood and fish in the freezer until the night before your next green bin collection day, then place them directly, while still frozen in the green bin
- Keep your green bin in the shade and away from your house, if possible
- Sprinkle vinegar, baking soda, charcoal or eucalyptus oil in your caddy or green bin to combat odours
- Layer or mix your garden and food organic wastes, this will assist with odours
- Make sure you add green waste, leaves, grass clippings etc to your green bin along with food
- If you are going away, ask a neighbour to put out your bins and bring them back in for you. You can return the favour next time they are away.

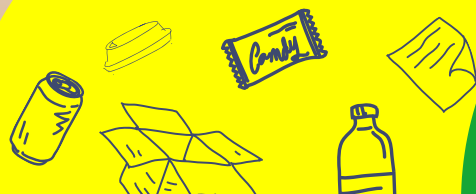
Other handy hints

For further hints on how to clean your wheelie bin check out -
<https://www.bhg.com.au/how-to-clean-your-wheelie-bin>

Additional information on caddies, liners, green bins and what items go in what bins is available via Councils website -

<https://www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/living/waste-recycling/waste-education>

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