

WASTE WISE

FOGO

Food Organics (FO), Garden Organics (GO), Green Waste, FOGO and GO all refer to the organic materials that we can collect and turn into compost. Think of it this way, if something lived or grew then it falls into the category of organic waste.

When organic wastes breakdown they release a greenhouse gas known as methane and produce a liquid known as leachate which can contaminate ground water. Currently all food organics are placed in the red bin and they end up in landfill but with the introduction of green bins across the region all food and garden organics will be placed in the green bins and sent to a composting facility where they will be processed and turned into a high quality compost.

In 2015, Council was successful in receiving a grant to rollout GO & FOGO collection in Moama and Mathoura & in 2020, Council was again successful in attaining a grant to rollout FOGO collection across the remaining townships. Both projects are supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW Environment Protection Authority's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative and are funded from the waste levy.

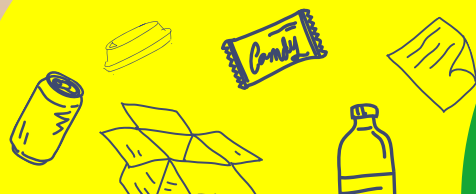
Where does your green waste go?

All green lid waste bins collected via the kerbside waste collection service, from across the Council area, are sent to Biomix, a compost processing facility in Stanhope, Victoria.

When the trucks arrive at Biomix, the green waste is emptied from the trucks, sorted by staff on site to remove any contamination such as plastic pots or bags, before it is moved to a specially designed enclosed vessel. Inside the vessel, nature takes over and begins breaking down the organic material. After 10-14 days, the material will have broken down. It is then transported to a stockpile, where a machine creates a windrow. The windrow is then turned every few days to keep oxygen levels high enough to continue the composting process.

After around 12 weeks, the composting process is complete. It can then be sold back to Murray River Council where we can use it on our Parks and Open Spaces.

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What goes in the green lid bin

Food Organics

- Seafood
- Bones
- Fruit scraps
- Rice
- Paper towel
- Napkins
- Dairy products (not containers)
- Compostable bags (AS 4736) only
- Pizza boxes
- Cooked food
- Processed food
- Takeaway food
- Chook carcass
- Coffee grounds (not pods)
- Egg shells
- Oils & Fats (absorb in paper towel first)
- Meat
- Vegetable scraps and peel
- Bread
- Pasta
- Tissues
- Tea bags and loose leaf tea
- shredded and scrunched paper

Garden Organics

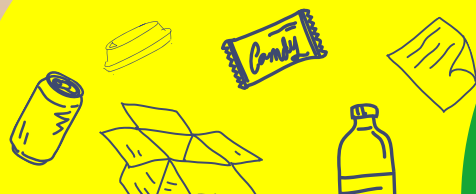
- Household weeds
- Grass clippings
- Flower cuttings
- Sticks
- Fallen and rotten fruit
- Branches (less than 30cm in diameter)
- Feathers
- Wood (untreated, less than 30cm in diameter)
- Hair (human & pet)
- Leaves
- Kitty Litter (Paper-based only)
- Plant cuttings
- Christmas trees (live not synthetic)
- Kebab Stick (wooden)
- Dog Poo (loose or in compostable (AS 4736) bags)
- Dead trees / branches (less than 30cm in diameter)
- Animal and pet poo



What does not go in the green lid bin

- Plastic pots
- Potting mix bags
- Seed bags
- Branches larger than 30cm in diameter
- Household rubbish
- Treated pine posts or offcuts
- Concrete
- Recyclable materials
- Soil

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