

NEW FOGO (3 BIN SYSTEM)

What does FOGO mean?

FOGO stands for Food Organics Garden Organics and refers to the weekly collection of food scraps, as well as natural material from your garden. A handy way to think about FOGO is 'If it didn't grow, it's not FOGO'.

Why are we changing to a new bin system?

The 3-bin Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) system will provide residents with more options for separating their waste at the source, with the aim of improving recovery rates, increasing diversion from landfill and reducing costs of processing material.

Your household will be moving to three separate bins: one for general rubbish, a FOGO (organics) bin for compost and a recycling bin.

By collecting nutrient-rich food waste alongside garden waste in the new FOGO bin, we can generate a high-quality compost to use on farms, parks and gardens and avoid organic waste going to landfill to produce harmful methane gas.

The system has been successfully trialled in the City of Melville as part of a joint project between the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council, Cities of Fremantle and Melville and the Town of East Fremantle.

During this trial, the three-bin FOGO system was proven to achieve around 65% diversion from landfill. The process prevented valuable resources from going to landfill and was accompanied by strong participation and support from residents.

The 3-bin FOGO system is the WA Waste Authority's preferred kerbside collection system as it is considered the most suitable for achieving the State Government target of 65% diversion from landfill by 2020.

When will this occur?

The change is scheduled to take place in mid-2019 and residents will receive further detailed information earlier in 2019.

Will there be an additional cost for my household?

There will be no additional costs to residents for the FOGO service.

What will be happening to my bin service?

With the introduction of FOGO, your household will have three separate bins: one for general rubbish, a FOGO bin for compost and a recycling bin.

You will receive a 240 litre lime-green lidded FOGO bin, for all your food scraps and garden clippings, which will be turned into high-quality compost and collected weekly.

You will also be provided with a kitchen caddy that will be attached to your lime-green topped FOGO bin along with two rolls of special compostable liners which will help you separate your food scraps in the kitchen. Inside the kitchen caddy will be all the information you need to help figure out how to use your new bins as well as the compostable liners.

You will keep your yellow-lidded recycling bin; however, it will now be collected fortnightly instead of weekly.

You will receive a new 140 litre red-topped rubbish bin for general rubbish items that can't be recycled or turned into compost, which will be sent to landfill and collected on the alternative fortnight to your yellow-topped recycling bin.

If your old General Waste Bin is taken away it will be reused or recycled into a new bin.

What can I put in each bin?

Lime-green lidded FOGO bin:

All food organics including raw and cooked meat, bread, dairy, bones and shells and garden organics. This bin will be composted so it's important to keep plastic and glass out of this bin.

All food waste should be placed in your FOGO bin in a compostable liner, wrapped in newspaper or loose in the bin. Please make sure food is removed from packaging before being placed in the bin as it can't be separated during sorting.

You can also place pet droppings and kitty litter into this bin either straight into the bin or in a compostable liner, however biodegradable plastic liners are not to go into your FOGO bin.

Yellow lidded recycling bin:

Recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, aluminium and steel cans, glass and plastic containers.

Red lidded rubbish bin:

Items that cannot be composted or recycled, such as nappies, non-recyclable packaging and other general rubbish items.

More information will be provided as we get closer to the rollout and residents will also receive more specific information with their new bins next year.

In the meantime, for more information you can also visit:

- www.recycleright.wa.gov.au
- www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Which bins go out each week?

