



**Our Glenorchy Newsletter Submission
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FOGO: Thanks a Tonne!

In February 2020, Glenorchy City Council introduced a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin to its household waste collection service, providing a circular solution for Glenorchy's organic waste. The city's 20,000+ households were given a FOGO bin with a light green lid, a kitchen bucket (called a caddy) for food scraps, and a starter pack of compostable bags. All residential organic waste now goes into FOGO bins and is sent to an industrial composter who converts it into rich compost for farmers, instead of it going into landfill where it creates harmful greenhouse gases and a toxic liquid called 'leachate'.

Since FOGO started, every food scrap, garden weed, lawn clipping or other bit of organic waste (no matter how small) is now solving a problem instead of creating one, AND the FOGO waste is helping fellow Tasmanian farmers.

Glenorchy City Council would like to say thank you to everyone who's embraced the new FOGO service.

FOGO was introduced because between 30 and 60 per cent of any average household waste bin in Glenorchy is organic waste. When you add up the organic waste from over 20,000 households, this equates to a huge waste problem in volume terms, but also has a very negative environmental impact. Luckily, we're on the right track to make these statistics change.

So how is FOGO doing? In the first five months after FOGO's launch, Glenorchy residents diverted: **2190 tonnes** of organic material from landfill, an average of just over **90 tonnes per week**. This has stopped the CO²-e emission of **4161 tonnes** of greenhouse gases and in terms of volume, is the equivalent of **182** double decker buses kept out of landfills!

Even the most waste-conscious of us (like many of our older residents and home composters) can still put something in their FOGO bin. It doesn't need to be full to put it on the kerb. If you have no green waste and very few food scraps, you can swap your 240 litre wheelie bin for a smaller 140L bin - we're all for 're-purposing' and are converting unused 140L recycling bins to FOGO bins. If this sounds like you, just call our customer service team on 6216 6800.



Congratulations and Award Time! For all those doing FOGO correctly (remember NO plastic bags!) you have another reason to celebrate! Glenorchy's FOGO project recently won the [Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award](#) from the Local Government Professionals Association of Tasmania – recognition for the efforts that Glenorchy residents have put into doing the right thing.

Let's keep it up and get even more of that organic waste out of landfills and back to farmers!

For more tips, tricks and tutorials on 'How to FOGO', visit our dedicated waste website wastestartswithu.com.au or call our Waste Services team at Council on 6216 6800.