

FOGO tips

Below are some handy tips to make FOGO quick, easy and clean.

Kitchen Caddy Tips

- Keep your kitchen caddy out of direct sunlight.
- Keep it near the kitchen bench where you prepare food to make it easy to remember.
- Drain off wet left-overs before putting into your kitchen caddy.
- Add paper towel or tissues to your caddy to help absorb any liquids.
- Don't let raw meat or other very smelly items (e.g. fish or prawn shells) sit in the caddy for too long, instead freeze them until your FOGO collection day.
- If you have a smartphone, download the free app "Recycle Coach" to get timely mobile phone notifications that your FOGO bin is due to go out - this can also be a reminder to put the frozen food waste into your outdoor FOGO bin.
- Give your caddy a wipe down or a wash occasionally. It is dishwasher proof.

Compostable Bag Tips

- Keep the roll of liner bags in a dry and dark place, like a kitchen drawer. If they sit in the sun too long they will start to break down.
- Tie off your liner bags when full, as this will stop your wheelie bin from smelling, and also stop ants getting in.
- If you run out of compostable bags please call Council on 6216 6800.
- You can also make your own caddy liners with newspaper - there are lots of 'how to' videos on YouTube, just search 'how to make a liner for your kitchen caddy'.
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Never put plastic bags in your kitchen caddy or outdoor FOGO bin - not even degradable, biodegradable or 'plant based' bags - they can still contain plastic and break down to become 'micro-plastics' which are very bad for our environment. Only **COMPOSTABLE** bags can be used - look for the word 'compostable', or the compostable logo or these certifications: AS 5810, AS 4736, ASTM D6400, and EN13432.



FOGO Wheelie Bin Tips

STOPPING SMELLS:

Your kitchen scraps will be in compostable bags - these small bags will hold in smell better than a regular indoor waste bin and also won't be inside for as long. Bagging food waste also means it won't mix with any garden waste and start to compost in the FOGO wheelie bin. Unlike a compost bin, green waste only sits in your bin for two weeks between FOGO collections, and shouldn't create bad smells (it might smell a bit like a forest though!). If you shred paper, you can put layers of shredded paper in your FOGO bin to help absorb any liquid the green waste creates. Try not to store the FOGO wheelie bin in all-day sun if at all possible.

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PET POO:

Pet poo is fine to go in your FOGO wheelie bin, but we recommend you wrap in newspaper first, or use a COMPOSTABLE bag. DO NOT PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS CONTAINING PET POO in your FOGO bin, and carefully check bags from Dog Parks or Dog Exercise Areas to make sure they are compostable – look for the compostable logo. Please always wear gloves when handling dog poo, cat poo and kitty litter, as it can contain diseases and parasites dangerous to humans. Only kitty litter marked 'organic' can go into your FOGO bin e.g. made from corn, wheat, pine, newspaper or walnut shells. Bird cage bottom liners can go in if they are made from newspaper.



WASHING YOUR WHEELIE BIN:

Many people give their wheelie bins an occasional hose-out, you can do the same with your FOGO wheelie bin. An occasional dusting of bi-carbonate of soda can help if your bin is starting to smell for any reason. There are also private businesses that offer wheelie bin washing services.

LAWN CLIPPINGS:

The best environmental option for lawn clippings is to leave them on the grass, but sometimes this is not practical. A good tip is to put a layer of grass clippings in the bottom of the FOGO wheelie bin – they will 'matt' together in a couple of days and form a plug. When the FOGO truck empties the bin, this 'plug' will slide out and help clean the sides of the FOGO bin at the same time. But don't fill the FOGO wheelie bin more than a quarter-full with grass clippings, as this would make the bin very heavy and the 'plug' could get stuck.

Recycle Coach

Recycle Coach is a FREE app for your mobile device from Glenorchy City Council. It has four great features:

- Sends you optional notifications to remind you when your waste/recycling wheelie bins and FOGO bins go out – you can choose if you want mobile phone notifications or email reminders.
- It has a calendar so you can easily see in advance what happens with bin collection on public holidays.
- It can also remind you of special events e.g. free tip days at the Jackson Street Landfill.
- An easy-to-use search tool to look-up waste items and how to dispose of them locally e.g. tyres, batteries, paint, toners, oil etc.

When you open the app, you will be asked for your home address. Once you enter your Glenorchy street address, it will update the calendar to show the bin collection days for your area.

If you want help downloading and setting up the app on your mobile device (phone or tablet), please contact Council on 6216 6800.

REMEMBER – Your FOGO waste will be turned into quality compost that meets Australian Standards AS 4454-2012. Soil with compost added is better able to absorb and store water – making our soils more resistant to droughts. Soil with compost added is also less likely to wash away in heavy rain.

Your FOGO waste is valuable to our farmers – it's an easy way to make a big difference.

Any questions? Please call customer service on 03 6216 6800, or visit our waste website www.wastestartswithu.com.au



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