

Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Waste Service



What is FOGO?

FOGO stands for Food Organics Garden Organics, and is a kerbside collection service where residents place food waste in the green-lid garden organics bin instead of the red-lid garbage bin so it can be recycled into compost.

What are the benefits of FOGO?

A FOGO system that works well means less waste is sent to landfill. This in turn means that landfills produce less gases that are harmful to our environment. FOGO systems also produce rich organic materials like composts and soil conditioners to help our farmers keep producing the food that we put on our tables.

How does FOGO work?

The green-lid garden organics bin will be converted to also accept food scraps such as vegetable peelings from meal preparation, left-overs from meals, and food that's been stored in the fridge or pantry that's no longer fit to use. You're welcome to keep composting or

worm farming at home; the advantage of a FOGO system is that the green lid bin can be used for food waste that's unsuitable for your home compost bin or worm farm, such as dairy products, meat and bones. Because there's now food waste in the FOGO bin, it would be emptied weekly.

When will the FOGO waste service start?

Wollondilly Shire will be adopting a FOGO system with the commencement of our new domestic waste processing contracts in 2024.

Will there be any changes to the red-lid bin service?

Responses received following a recent *Future of Waste Services Survey* carried out in 2021, revealed that residents expressed a preference to continue to have the red-lid bin emptied weekly. Residents raised concerns about odour from wastes such as disposable nappies, sanitary products and incontinence pads sitting in the bin if the emptying of the red-lid bin moved to a fortnightly basis as recommended by NSW Government.

Where can I get more information?

For further information on the regional rollout of FOGO in 2024, Please contact us by phone on (02) 4677 1100 or email us at council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.