



## Your Food & Garden Waste Service

You can now use your green bin to recycle all types of food waste, as well as your garden waste!

Keep food waste out of landfill and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions.

### What does go in your Food and Garden Waste Bin



Food leftovers & bones



Fruit & vegetable scraps



Garden waste



Dairy products



Seafood & meat



Bread & pasta



Coffee grounds & loose tea



Rice & noodles



Citrus, onion & garlic

**IMPORTANT**  
Do not use liners in your kitchen caddy or bin.

### What doesn't go in your Food and Garden Waste Bin



Plastic bags & bin liners



Food containers & packaging



Coffee pods & tea bags



Nappies & wipes



Garden tools & pots



Pet droppings & kitty litter



Liquids & oils



Newspaper & magazines



Dead pets or animals



# How to recycle your food waste in 3 easy steps

## Step 1

### Collect your food waste.

Use an empty container or kitchen caddy to collect all types of food waste – meat, bones, citrus, onions – any food except oil and liquid. Do not use plastic bags or bin liners of any kind.



**Tip:** To register for a free kitchen caddy, visit: [www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/foodwaste](http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/foodwaste)



## Step 2

### Empty your kitchen caddy or container into your green bin.

Your food waste goes in along with your garden waste – grass, leaves, weeds and clippings.



**Tip:** Keep some garden waste handy to cover your food waste and keep your bin fresh.



## Step 3

### Put your bin out.

Put your food and garden waste bin out for collection each fortnight on your usual collection day.



**Tip:** Keep meat and seafood in your freezer until the night before collection. Keep your outdoor bin in a shady spot if possible.



## Less food waste means less greenhouse gases!

Almost 11% of all the greenhouse gas emissions that come from the food system could be reduced if we stop wasting food in the first place. Save money and the environment by planning meals and shopping to a list. Learn how to store your food properly, and discover great ways to use your leftovers. Visit [lovefoodhatewaste.vic.gov.au](http://lovefoodhatewaste.vic.gov.au)



## Why is Council collecting food waste?

Almost half of the material in the average landfill bin across Maribyrnong is made up of food and garden waste. When food and garden waste is sent to landfill it produces methane, a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Collecting and composting this material is the fastest way that we can reduce our emissions from waste.

## What happens to your food and garden waste after it is collected?

Your food and garden waste will be recycled into nutrient rich compost products to help Victorian farms and gardens grow.



## Bin mythbusters

### Will my bin smell?

Users from other Councils have indicated that smells are only an issue if the bin isn't managed well. To manage it well, try freezing smelly food scraps like fish and meat and put them in your bin the night before collection. Remember to place your bin in a shaded area, and try covering your food waste with garden waste when you put it in the bin.

### Will my bin attract pests?

No. If you manage your bin properly and remember to keep it closed, it will not attract pests more than any other bin.

## Already composting at home?

If you already compost your food waste at home, please keep it up! The food and garden waste service does not replace home composting but it can complement it. Things like meat, seafood, dairy, citrus, garlic, onions and bread that can't go in your compost bin, can all be recycled in your food and garden waste bin.

## More information

For further information and FAQs on our food and garden waste service, visit [www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/foodwaste](http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/foodwaste)

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