

Change how you use your bins from 1 July 2024

From July 2024 in Yarra:

Food and garden organic (FOGO) material will be collected from a new lime-green lidded bin.

Waste and recycling systems are changing so more can be made from the resources in our kerbside bins.

These changes mean what goes into each of your bins is changing.

This guide gives you an overview of the changes. More information is available on our website.

Each year Yarra collects around 15,500 tonnes of material that is sent to landfill. 40% of this is made up of FOGO materials.

When this material breaks down in landfill methane is released into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. By placing this material in your FOGO bin, it is processed into compost which is used by farmers and for landscaping to help regenerate land and soil.

Yarra's new FOGO collection service will provide a new avenue to reduce waste and recycle more materials.



When will my bin be collected?

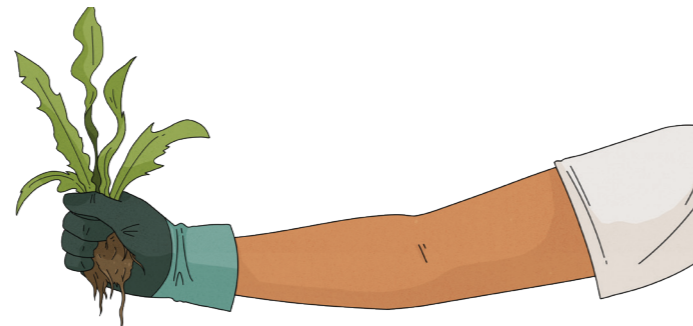
Collection starts on the week of 1 July 2024.

Please make sure not to begin using your new FOGO bin until closer to the first collection.

Your new food and garden organics (FOGO) bin will be collected weekly on the **same day that your rubbish bin is collected.**

Collections in the Abbotsford alternate collections area, where FOGO is already in place, will continue unchanged.

Visit our website to check your collection days: yarracity.vic.gov.au/binday



Your small acts make a big impact

Every effort you make to use your four bins correctly can make a big impact on our environment.

Reducing waste in the first place and recycling correctly helps keep valuable resources out of landfill, so they can be used again and again.

By sorting correctly, more of your material can be turned into things like new glass jars, mulch and compost.

Learn more at sustainability.vic.gov.au



More information

For information in your language, and if you have any questions about the upcoming changes, visit our website: yarracity.vic.gov.au/fogo

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From 1 July 2024, we will be collecting your food and garden organics (FOGO)

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What goes in each bin

For a full list visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/bininfo



Keep me!
Put this quick guide on your fridge or somewhere handy.

Food and garden organics

Food scraps and garden clippings only. Remove stickers from fruit.

✓ Yes

- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Coffee grounds, loose leaf tea
- ✓ Meat, seafood, bones, egg shells
- ✓ Leftovers, out of date and inedible food
- ✓ Dairy products including yoghurt
- ✓ Leaves, plants, twigs, grass, weeds



⊘ No

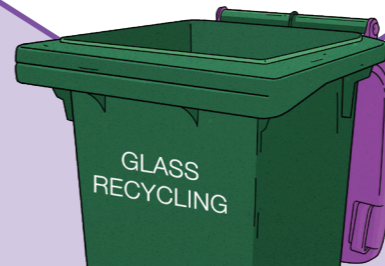
- ⊘ Coffee pods, tea bags
- ⊘ Plastic, biodegradable and compostable bags, bin liners and packaging
- ⊘ Cat litter, animal droppings
- ⊘ Bamboo, treated wood, wooden utensils, and tree stumps
- ⊘ Large branches (unless pruned and cut up to less than 30cm in diameter)
- ⊘ Nappies, wet wipes
- ⊘ Plastic pots, garden tools, hoses and other non-organic garden items

Glass recycling

Put lightly rinsed, empty glass bottles and jars into the bin loose, not in bags. Put metal lids in mixed your mixed recycling bin, and plastic lids in your rubbish bin.

✓ Yes

- ✓ Glass bottles including beer, wine and olive oil bottles
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars for medicine or toiletries
- ✓ Glass jars including pasta sauce and condiment jars



⊘ No

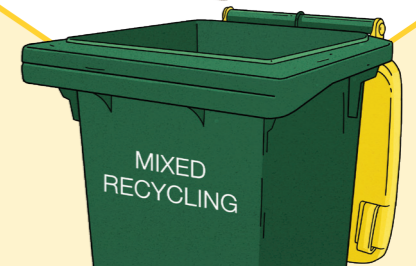
Plastic bags or packaging, loose lids and caps from bottles or jars, corks, pumps, sprays, droppers, cardboard, crockery such as plates, bowls and mugs, drinking glasses, glass cookware, vases, light bulbs.

Mixed recycling

Put your recycling in the bin loose, not in bags. Flatten boxes to save space. Glass no longer goes in this bin.

✓ Yes

- ✓ Accepted plastic bottles and containers
- ✓ Aluminium and steel tins, cans, foil
- ✓ Metal lids
- ✓ Cardboard, cereal boxes, egg cartons
- ✓ Paper, newspapers, magazines, paper envelopes



⊘ No

Plastic bags, other soft plastics, clothing, shoes, textiles, coated or waxed cardboard, electronic waste and batteries, glass, crockery, polystyrene (styrofoam).