

Your existing green waste bin is now a food and green waste bin. How to recycle your food waste

STEP 1

Collect your food waste

Use any airtight containers such as an ice-cream tub or food container to store your food waste. Keep it somewhere easy to access, like your kitchen bench or under the sink, so it's close to hand when cooking or clearing up after meals.



STEP 2

Empty the food waste into your food and green waste bin

Food waste needs to go in loose without any bags.



STEP 3

Close the lid and keep your food and green waste bin in the shade if possible



STEP 4

Take the bin out as usual

Council's waste collection service and frequency have not changed. Your food and green waste bin will be collected fortnightly, as usual.



TIPS TO KEEP YOUR BINS HAPPY

- Add layers of lawn and garden clippings.
- Keep meat and seafood in the freezer until just before collection day.
- Don't overfill your bin and ensure the lid is closed properly.
- Keep the bin in a shady spot.

What happens to my food waste after it is collected?



For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit darebin.vic.gov.au/FoodWaste

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FOOD WASTE RECYCLING

Put your food waste to good use

From October 2019, you can use your existing green waste bin to recycle food waste.



WHAT GOES IN YOUR FOOD AND GREEN WASTE BIN



Fruit and vegetable scraps



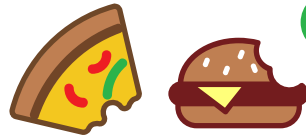
Meat scraps and bones



Bread, cereal, rice and pasta



Dairy leftovers



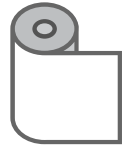
General 'leftovers'



Garden prunings and weeds



Coffee grounds and loose tea leaves



Newspaper/paper towel used to wrap loose food



Citrus, onions and garlic

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN YOUR FOOD AND GREEN WASTE BIN



Plastic bags of any kind



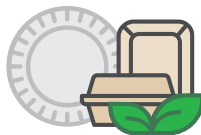
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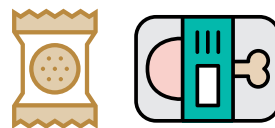
Liquid



Coffee cups



Compostable/biodegradable items



Food packaging

Remember to reduce and reuse before recycling your food waste

Reduce

- Plan meals and shop to a list to avoid creating food waste in the first place.
- Store food properly so it lasts longer.
- Visit darebin.vic.gov.au/foodwaste to download the food storage chart.

Reuse

- Love your leftovers. Freeze some for another time, or make them into something delicious.
- Make a soup using vegetables that are starting to wilt. Use overripe fruit to make a nutritious smoothie.

Hungry for more information?

Visit: foodknowhow.org.au and lovefoodhatewaste.vic.gov.au

