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Attention the Homeowner, Tenant or Business Owner



In September 2023, households and businesses within our trial collection area embarked on a Weekly Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) Collection Trial. The trial has involved the implementation of weekly collections for the FOGO (green) bin, and the landfill (red) bin transitioning to a fortnightly collection schedule.

The ongoing success of the Weekly FOGO Collection Trial is evident, with 97% of residents participating in the trial and waste diversion from landfill rising to an impressive 71%! This aligns with the waste diversion targets set by the State Government of achieving 70% by 2025.

Your efforts are truly making a difference environmentally and economically, setting an example for other communities to follow. We thank all participants for supporting environmental sustainability leadership. Reducing food waste is considered the third biggest action for reversing climate change worldwide.

WEEKLY FOGO COLLECTION TRIAL EXTENDED UNTIL 30 JUNE 2025

After considering the positive outcomes of the FOGO Trial to date, and the proposed legislative changes being considered by the State Government to waste management, the Council has extended **your weekly FOGO Trial to 30 June 2025**.

At this stage the Council has deferred progressing a broader rollout across the remainder of the Council collection days until there is clarity associated with any possible new legislative changes.

Further information on this matter can be found on the Council's website by scanning the QR code at the top of the letter.

In addition to the extended FOGO trial running in City of Prospect, similar trials are being rolled out across a variety of Council areas in South Australia including Adelaide Hills Council, City of Campbelltown, and soon in the City of Burnside. Council will work closely with East Waste and other participating Councils to gather further data and in the future make an informed decision on a potential permanent weekly FOGO collection system being rolled out across the Council that will provide the most overall benefit to our community.

Your current collection schedule will remain unchanged, and we have included a copy of the weekly FOGO calendar for your reference. Additionally, you can download the free **My Local Services app** for convenient access to the collection calendar and bin collection reminders.

FEEDBACK ON FOGO

We value your input and greatly appreciate your feedback on the Weekly FOGO Collection Trial. We recognise that not all households are the same, that's why we have provided choice and flexibility for householders in the trial. If you find that you have capacity or other concerns, just give us a call on 8347 5111 or email: east@eastwaste.com, so we can work out a solution for you.

COMPOSTABLE BAGS AND KITCHEN CADDIES

Each Financial Year, Council provides each household with a roll of 150 compostable bags and a kitchen organics basket to households in City of Prospect. This year's supply will be available to collect from Payinthe (128 Prospect Road, Prospect) during business hours from Monday 1 July 2024, including Saturday's from 10am to 4pm.



Additionally, certified compostable bags can also be purchased at local supermarkets or those typically used for fruit and vegetable purchases re-used. (to be placed in the FOGO bin these bags must be labelled Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810).

BENEFITS OF WEEKLY FOGO

- Lowers landfill volumes and greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste is the third biggest action for reversing climate change.
- Reduced smell from green FOGO bins
- A service that matches the waste a household generates. Typically, up to 40% of the waste in the red landfill bin could be placed in the green FOGO bin.
- Increased food recycling rates through a more convenient service that sends less to landfill.
- A larger total bin capacity each fortnight (13% more).
- Contributing to the local circular economy with more jobs created through supply of nutrient rich compost for agribusiness.
- Reducing landfill fees that have a direct impact on keeping Council rates lower.

Thank you for doing your part for the environment by giving weekly FOGO a GoGo!

Yours sincerely

Chris White

Chief Executive Officer

