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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 from 55% before the trial to an impressive 71%! This aligns with the waste diversion target of 70% by 2025 set by the State Government.

The efforts of the trial participants are truly making a difference environmentally and economically, setting an example for other communities to follow. Reducing food waste is considered the third biggest action for reversing climate change worldwide.

OPT BACK IN!

Although challenges may have inhibited your participation in the past, your circumstances may have now changed. If so, we encourage you to reconsider **giving weekly FOGO a GoGo** and invite you to call us on 8347 5111 or email: east@eastwaste.com, so we can work out a solution for you.

WEEKLY FOGO COLLECTION TRIAL EXTENDED UNTIL 30 JUNE 2025

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

At this stage, Council has deferred progressing a broader rollout across the city 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 Weekly FOGO Collection 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 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.

COMPOSTABLE BAGS AND KITCHEN CADDIES

Each financial year, Council provides each household with a roll of 150 compostable bags and a kitchen caddy to households in City of Prospect. This year's supply will be available to collect from Payinthe (128 Prospect Road, Prospect) during business hours (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday, and 10am – 4pm Saturday) from Monday 1 July 2024.



Certified compostable bags can also be purchased at supermarkets, and many produce bags (those typically used for fruit and vegetables) can be re-used as kitchen caddy liners. To be placed in your FOGO bin, these bags must be labelled Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810.

BENEFITS OF WEEKLY FOGO COLLECTION

- Lowers landfill volumes and greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduced smell from FOGO bins
- A service that matches the waste a household generates (typically, up to 40% of the waste in a household's red landfill bin could be placed in the FOGO bin)
- Increased food recycling rates through a more convenient service
- 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris White'.

Chris White

Chief Executive Officer

