

The moment we've all **bin** waiting for.

**FOGO
BEGINS
JULY 6**

Wellington's residents will be able to recycle Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) through a third green-lidded bin from July 6, 2026 – collected weekly.

By introducing FOGO, we're:

- Reducing landfill and its operating costs over time
- Making lush soil conditioner
- Slashing nasty methane
- Giving you extra bin space per week

Plus, you can toss in the weird stuff you probably don't compost at home (hello, prawn heads). So give your new bin a high-five and feel glorious about turning waste into a win for the planet.

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If it used to live or grow, it's FOGO!

We're looking at you, wilted spinach. So what goes in a FOGO bin?

- Grass and lawn clippings
- Leaves and weeds
- Flowers and plants
- Twigs, sticks, branches and other garden prunings
- Vegetable waste from the garden
- Hay, straw, mulch or compost
- Fruit and vegetables including raw and cooked vegetables and peelings
- Leftovers, expired or mouldy food
- Loose leaf tea, coffee grounds, coffee filter paper
- Raw and cooked meat and seafood
- Bones from meat and seafood (raw or cooked);
- Dairy products (e.g. cheese, yoghurt);
- Eggs and eggshells;
- Rice, pasta and beans;
- Cereals and grains;
- Nuts and seeds;
- Lollies, chocolates and jellies;
- Baked goods (e.g. bread, cakes and pastries)

And what's no-go for FOGO?

- Non-approved compostables
- Compostable liners that don't meet standards
- All food packaging (including fruit stickers, elastic bands and plastic wrap)
- Tea bags and coffee pods
- Hygiene and household waste
- Nappies and sanitary items (even if labelled biodegradable or compostable)
- Disposable baby wipes and makeup wipes
- Animal waste and kitty litter
- Textiles and fabric (including natural fibres)
- Plastics, plastic bags, metals and synthetics
- Polystyrene
- Treated or painted timber

How to use FOGO

After July 6, 2026, put your FOGO bin out on your normal bin day every week.

Once you get the hang of it, using your FOGO bin is almost... boring. In a good way. With a few simple habits, your FOGO bin can sit quietly in the background. Luckily, you won't have to remember which week is FOGO week, because from July 6, every week is FOGO week.

Won't it be... icky?

If you're worried about smells, all your FOGO bin needs is the occasional rinse and reset. Every couple of months, give it a quick hose out, a scrub and then let it air-dry upside down. In the warmer months, keep it in the shade to keep any smells to a minimum. Got something particularly aromatic (hello Christmas Day prawn heads)? Freeze it and add it to the bin the night before bin day.

And my caddy?

Your new kitchen addition is dishwasher-friendly to keep things truly civilised. Line it with the Council-supplied compostable liners, a little paper towel or some newspaper, or skip the liner altogether and go nude if that's what floats your boat. If you're really concerned, a quick rinse each time you empty it, a sprinkle of bi-carb soda and a weekly trip through the dishwasher will keep things fresh.



Wellington's bin breakdown*

**30% residual
waste + soft
plastics**



**2% other
(e-waste,
chemicals and
hazardous
waste)**

**15%
recyclables**

**20%
garden
organics**

**33% food
organics and
containerised
food**

***based on a
2024 audit
of 250
residents'
kerbside
landfill bins**

Here's a fun (but stinky) fact: more than half of what's currently in the average Wellington Shire landfill bin is food scraps and garden waste. They're the culprits behind the smells, the leaks and the "what is that furry thing?" moments - which is exactly why they need a weekly collection. Once those offenders move into your FOGO bin, most households will find a fortnightly red bin is totally doable. If you do run into any issues, there is the option to add an additional bin. Give us a call on 1300 366 244 or visit our website to find out more.



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rubbish at rubbish.**

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