

Welcome to FOGO – your new bin is almost ready to (fo)go!

You'll notice a new green-lidded bin has arrived at your property. This is your Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin, and from Monday 6 July 2026, it will become part of Wellington Shire Council's regular kerbside bin collection service.

Your FOGO bin is designed to take both food scraps and garden waste. Think fruit and veggie scraps, meat and bones, coffee grounds, eggshells, grass clippings, leaves and small branches. All this organic waste can then be turned into valuable soil conditioner, rather than going to landfill. It's an easy change that makes a big difference.

Data across Wellington shows more than half of the waste collected in our red landfill bins is organic. By separating this material into the FOGO bin, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste buried in landfill sites, cutting greenhouse gas emissions such as methane and helping protect our local environment.

Landfilling waste is also becoming more expensive due to rising disposal costs and state landfill levies. By diverting this waste from landfill, Council can better manage these growing costs and help reduce long-term pressure on household rates. It's a simple change that delivers long-lasting environmental and financial benefits for the Wellington Shire community.

Changes to your bin collection

From the week of Monday 6 July, your bin collection schedule will change slightly, but your bin day stays the same.

Here's how it will work:

- **Green bin (FOGO):** collected weekly
- **Red bin (landfill):** collected fortnightly, alternating with recycling
- **Yellow bin (recycling):** collected fortnightly, alternating with landfill

Good news for our heavy-duty gardeners too - Council's no-fee Fire Ready Green Waste Disposal program will continue at our transfer stations throughout 2026.

What do I do now?

You're welcome to set up your kitchen caddy and start getting familiar with what can go in the FOGO bin, but your green bin won't be collected until the week starting Monday 6 July. Putting it out earlier means it won't be emptied.

Hang tight - the wait won't be long, and we'll be ready to collect before you know it!

What if I need extra bins?

From 1 July, all households with kerbside bin services will move to a standard bin service (a 240L FOGO bin, a 240L recycling bin, a 120L landfill bin and an annual hard waste collection service).

Property owners can request additional bins on top of the standard service, at an extra cost, to address capacity requirements. We encourage you to give the new system 'a go' before you order additional bins. You may be surprised how much less general waste your household generates with the new FOGO bin. If needed, you can order an additional bin by phoning 1300 366 244 or visiting wellington.vic.gov.au/environment/bin-collection

If you have questions, need a hand, or want to talk through your options, our friendly team is here to help. Give us a call on 1300 366 244 or visit wellington.vic.gov.au/FOGO for more info.

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