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Banyule's New Food and Garden Organics Waste Service





What is FOGO?

- FOGO stands for:
  Food Organics Garden Organics
- It refers to placing food waste in the garden waste bin for composting



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Why we are rethinking our food waste

- Did you know that more than half of the waste that goes to landfill in Banyule can be composted?
- That's food scraps and garden waste that could be turned into sustainable compost to feed our gardens, literally going to waste
- On average Banyule garbage bins contents include over 40% of food waste... and all food waste can be composted!



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What is Banyule Doing?

- Banyule have been listening to residents, who have told us they are concerned about the impacts of waste on the environment
  - The overwhelming majority of residents told us they support putting their food scraps into the garden waste bin to be composted
- Council have approved a FOGO service from Winter / Spring 2022
- Residents will be able to place all their food waste in their garden bin (FOGO bin) for composting



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Why recycle food waste?

- Currently, our bins contain around 40 per cent of food waste that ends up in landfill
- When food breaks down in landfill it generates methane, a greenhouse gas contributing to climate change
- Introducing food waste recycling is one of the single biggest opportunities for Council to reduce its carbon emissions
- By allowing residents to put food waste in with their garden waste for composting, all households can help the environment!



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What happens to my food and garden waste?

- Your food and garden waste is taken to the Veolia organics facility in Bulla
- There, it is processed and transformed into valuable compost used by farmers, and in parks and gardens across Victoria
- Compost reduces the need for artificial fertilisers and enhances water retention in soils



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFTkT4cYKQw

The FOGO trial

- Before we introduce FOGO to all of Banyule, a trial is being conducted with 500 household, which includes your street
- The trial will start on 4 October and run for 8 weeks, ending on the 26 November 2021
- All the information collected will inform us on how to best support the community for a smooth transition to the new waste service in the new year



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What's changing?

Food and garden waste bin



- Your green waste bin will become your food and garden waste bin
- This bin will be collected weekly
- Your waste will be processed into nutritious compost for use on farms, parks and gardens across Victoria

Rubbish bin



- You will be provided with a new, larger, 140L bin with a red lid
- Your rubbish bin will now have less waste in it, so we will collect it fortnightly
- Your new bin will be delivered to you on your normal bin day, the week of September 20, and will replace your current 80L bin

Kitchen caddy



- As part of the trial, you'll receive a kitchen caddy
- Simply collect your food scraps in your caddy as you prepare meals and clean up leftovers
- When your caddy is full, empty the contents into your food and garden waste bin
- Your caddy will be left on your doorstep the week of September 27

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How to use your kitchen caddy

- Use your kitchen caddy to easily collect your food scraps as you prepare meals and clean up leftovers
- Once it is full, empty the contents into your food and garden waste bin
- You can use your caddy without any lining, or you can line with one to two pieces of newspaper or paper towel
- Please do not place plastic of any kind including bags and liners (even compostable ones) in your kitchen caddy or food and garden waste bin, as these cannot be processed through our facilities
- Your kitchen caddy is made of 100% post-consumer recycled materials and is dishwasher safe



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What can go in my food and garden organics bin?





- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Meat and seafood (including bones)
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Bread, pasta, cereal
- ✓ Leftovers, takeaway meals
- ✓ Coffee grounds, tea leaves

- × Bin liners (even compostable ones)
- × Nappies
- × Teabags and coffee pods
- × Stickers, elastic bands
- × Food packaging
- × Plastics and glass

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Remember.... if you can eat it or it grows, in the FOGO bin goes!

Timeline – (all dates week commencing)

13 Sep

Pre-trial survey

20 Sep



80L waste bin replaced with 140L bin

27 Sep



Kitchen Caddy, calendar and information pack delivered

4 Oct

FOGO trial begins

1 Nov

Mid-trial survey

26 Nov

FOGO trial ends

29 Nov

Post-trial survey





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We'll be with you every step of the way

- Pre, during and post trial surveys
- Facebook trial community group - www.facebook.com/groups/fogoinbanyule/
- www.ShapingBanyule.vic.gov.au/FOGOtrial
- letsrethinkourwaste@Banyule.vic.gov.au
- Phone: 9049 3355



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FAQ

“What if I already compost?”

- Awesome! Keep going! You can use the food waste recycling service to complement your home composting
- Any food waste you may not add to your compost, bokashi or worm farm, including meat, seafood, dairy, citrus, bones, eggshells, and leftover food, can be added to your food and garden waste bin



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FAQ

"I'm worried fortnightly rubbish collection won't be enough!"

- We know that 70% of household waste can be diverted away from landfill by recycling and composting instead
- Remember, approximately 43% of your household waste could be moved into your FOGO bin
- We are upgrading your waste bin to 140L allow for fortnightly collection
- When FOGO is introduced to all of Banyule next year, residents can choose to pay for a larger bin or a weekly collection – conditions will apply



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FAQ

“Will my bin smell or attract pests?”

- Pests are not a common problem if food is kept in closed bins and containers. Keep your food and garden waste bin lid closed to avoid attracting pests
- Your food and garden waste bin is not likely to smell any worse than your general waste bin. Remember, we will be picking it up weekly!
- You can prevent odours by emptying, rinsing and washing the container you collect your kitchen scraps in frequently. Remember your kitchen caddy is dishwasher safe!
- You can sprinkle a little bicarb soda in the food and garden waste bin as you add food, or wrap food waste in a sheet of newspaper or paper towel



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FAQ

“What happens after the trial?”

- Once the trial has finished your bin collection frequencies will return to the pre-trial schedule
- However, you will be able to continue to put food in your green bin
- You also get to keep your new 140L landfill bin
- FOGO will be rolled out to all households in Banyule around Winter / Spring 2022



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