



# FOGO

Central Coast Council is introducing a FOGO kerbside service for residents in existing domestic waste and recycling kerbside collection areas in late October 2019.

This will be the first FOGO service in the North West Region of Tasmania.

## What is FOGO waste?

FOGO is the acronym for **F**ood **O**rganics **G**arden **O**rganics and simply means any 'organic' product from food or the garden.

In effect, if it was once alive or was grown, then it can be recycled

# BACK TO EARTH

## What does this mean for me?

The new FOGO kerbside collection service will provide a convenient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your organic waste, significantly reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and providing additional waste collection capacity to our residents.

# FOGO

## What are the benefits to Central Coast residents?

For most residents the new FOGO collection service will reduce the amount of waste that goes into your domestic waste bin. This will no doubt be very convenient if you have difficulty fitting your waste into your existing bin.

If you are already composting, a FOGO collection service will help you to responsibly dispose of material you wouldn't normally compost at home, like dog droppings, meat and seafood scraps, and leftovers.

If you currently take green waste to the Lobster Creek Resource Recovery Centre, you may no longer need to make those trips, saving you money and time. If you generate a lot of garden waste, e.g. grass clippings, tree and shrub prunings, you can spread it across multiple collections, and still take the amount that won't fit in your bin to the RRC yourself or pay to use a private green waste collection service.



## When will the service be rolled out?

The FOGO kerbside service will commence in late October 2019.

New 240 litre wheelie bins will be delivered in September, along with further information prior to the collection service starting.

With the introduction of this new service, as a result of the reduction of the quantity of waste in the domestic waste bin, our existing domestic waste collection service will go from a weekly to a fortnightly service which will alternate with the new FOGO kerbside service.

For more details of the FOGO kerbside service, keep an eye out for information on the Council's website, E-Newsletter and Facebook page or as advertised in The Advocate and The Central Coast Voice.

# Food Organics Garden Organics

## Why collect and process FOGO waste?

There are environmental and economic benefits in having a FOGO kerbside collection service. It will help reduce methane emissions to the atmosphere and significantly extend the life of the Dulverton landfill by reducing the amount of waste delivered to it.

Approximately 50 % of the contents of the average Australian household waste bin consists of organic material.

Organic waste dumped into landfill undergoes anaerobic decomposition and generates methane, a greenhouse gas which is considered 23 times more damaging to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. As well as cutting methane emissions, removing organic waste from landfill will reduce the production of leachate which poses a threat to ground and surface water quality.

Collection of organic garden material from a home can also reduce bushfire risk to homes through reduction of household fuel loads.



## Who will receive the service?

The new FOGO kerbside service will be provided to all residents within the current waste collection areas within the Central Coast municipal area. This will ensure that it is a cost-effective service which also achieves the expected landfill reductions.

The Council has seriously considered difficulties people might experience with this new service and will work particularly with people with special needs, such as those living in unit complexes, to ensure that the collection arrangements are suitable.

# FOGO

## What CAN I put in my FOGO bin?

Materials that you can place in your bin for collection include:

- ✓ **FOOD SCRAPS** – FRUIT, VEGETABLES, MEAT (INCLUDING RAW OR COOKED BONES), SEAFOOD, CHICKEN, BREAD, EGG AND EGG SHELLS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, RICE, PASTA, CEREALS, COFFEE GROUNDS AND TEA BAGS

- ✓ **GARDEN WASTE** - GRASS CLIPPINGS, FLOWERS, WEEDS, HERBS, SMALL BRANCHES AND LEAVES.

- ✓ **PERSONAL CUTTINGS** - HAIR AND NAILS ( AND SKIN)

- ✓ **ANIMAL WASTE** - DOG DROPPINGS, ORGANIC KITTY LITTER AND SOILED PAPER FROM BIRD CAGES

- ✓ **SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS** – SHREDDED PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, PAPER NAPKINS, TISSUES AND FOOD CONTAMINATED CARDBOARD, E.G. FOOD CONTAMINATED PIZZA BOXES.



## What CAN'T I put in my FOGO bin?

The rule of thumb is...

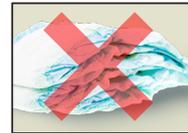
If it won't decompose, then don't put it in the bin!

### DO NOT PUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR FOGO BIN

✘ • PLASTICS (NOT EVEN DEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS);



✘ • NAPPIES;



✘ • FABRIC (E.G. CLOTHING);



✘ • HARD WASTE OR BROKEN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS;



✘ • PLASTIC TAKE-AWAY CONTAINERS;



✘ • HAZARDOUS OR CONTAMINATED WASTE;



✘ • THICK BRANCHES;



✘ • NOTHING THAT **SHOULD** GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN.



PAPERS



PLASTICS



GLASS



CANS



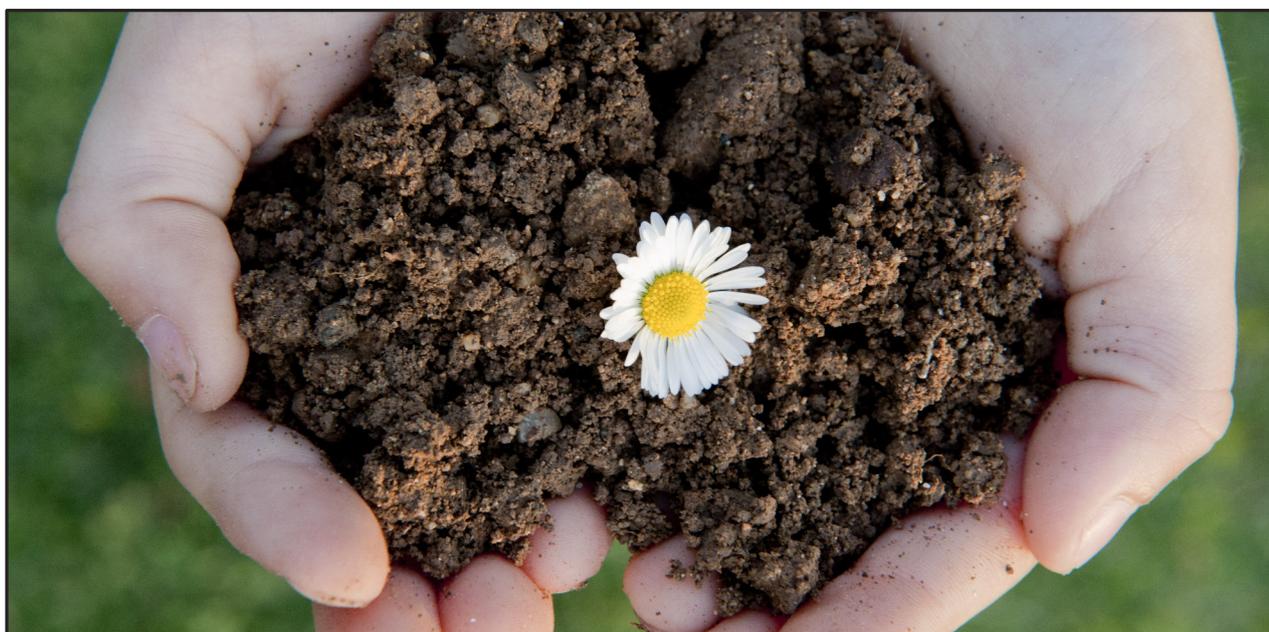
# FOGO

## Will the FOGO bin smell?

No, it shouldn't if it's managed appropriately.

Evidence from other Councils suggests that this is not generally a problem due to Tasmania's cooler climate. However, there are steps that you can take to ensure there is no smell emanating from your bin. Combining food and garden waste considerably reduces the impacts of odour from food waste.

We will provide other important tips on helping to resolve odour issues from your bin should they occur in our forthcoming information program.



## What happens to the FOGO waste after it has been collected?

The organic waste will be transported to the Launceston processing facility where it will be mulched together and broken down into compost in a system that makes sure there is enough oxygen for aerobic decomposition. This results in a compost product that is suitable for agricultural and domestic garden use.

Initially the processing of the collected waste will take place in Launceston although we hope in time that this will take place at Dulverton as more North West Councils join the program.

## What will it cost? Will my rates go up?

Initial estimates put the cost of providing the FOGO kerbside service across the Central Coast at around \$1.25 per rateable property per week.

This figure includes the savings to Council, and you, of reducing your domestic waste kerbside service from weekly to fortnightly.

Council has not yet determined the exact cost for the overall kerbside waste collection services, i.e. Domestic Waste, Recycling and FOGO. Council will make this decision as part of setting the rates, fees and charges in June 2019.



## Do other Tasmanian Councils provide a FOGO kerbside service?

Launceston, Meander Valley and West Tamar Councils currently provide a FOGO service.

Glenorchy City Council will commence their new FOGO kerbside service at the beginning of 2020.

Hobart City Council currently provides a green waste collection service and is planning to upgrade to a FOGO service in the future.

Many interstate and overseas councils are providing FOGO services.



Recycling your organic food and green waste

**BACK TO EARTH**

This brochure aims to provide as many answers to your initial questions as possible. The Council is currently finalising details for the new program and will be releasing these over the next two months.

We will also be arranging information sessions on the FOGO kerbside service. We will let you know when and where these will be held when the program is finalised.



CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL