

# FOGO FACTS # 2

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FOGO stands for Food Organics Garden Organics. It's a name given to any part of a plant or animal that can decompose and be used to make compost.

FOGO makes up a large proportion of most garbage bins. Our FOGO kerbside service will collect food and garden waste including food scraps, lawn clippings, small branches and garden debris for safe recycling.

## GOOD FOR YOUR FOGO BIN

- All food scraps including raw or cooked bones, egg shells, citrus, dairy products, rice, pasta, coffee grounds, tea bags, unfinished meals plus out of date food removed from its packaging.
- Garden waste including grass clippings, flowers, leaves, weeds and branches (less than 20cm thick).
- Hair, fur and animal waste including organic kitty litter, soiled bird cage paper and pet faeces (not in plastic bags).
- Paper products including shredded paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues and food-covered paper or cardboard such as pizza boxes and paper plates.

An easy way to decide if something is suitable for your FOGO bin is to ask 'was this once living or made entirely from living thing(s)?' If the answer is 'yes' then it can be composted via the FOGO service.

Some takeaway food packaging is marked as compostable and may be made from plant starch, bamboo or cardboard. If it is made from 100% compostable material, it can go in your FOGO bin. If in doubt, please leave it out.

### FOOD ORGANICS

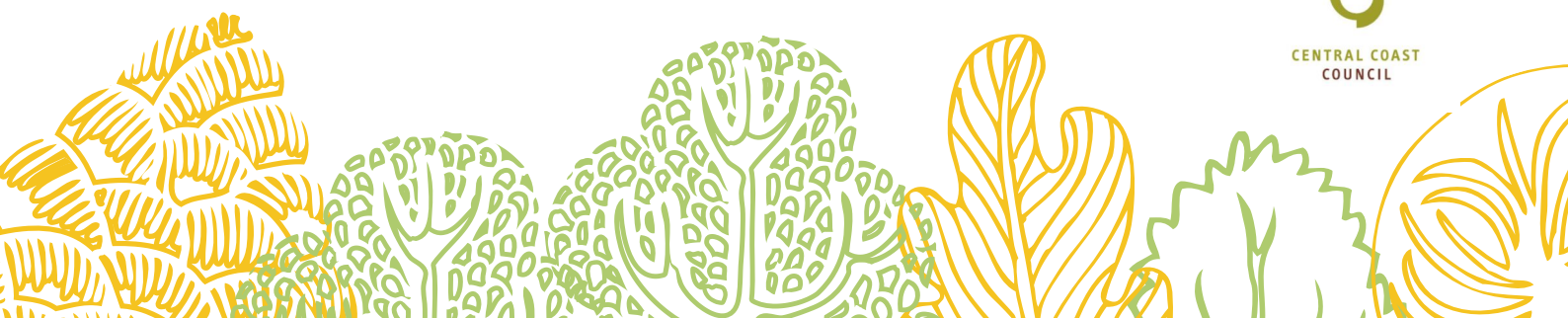
✓	Fruit & vegetable scraps, including citrus
✓	De-packaged out-of-date/left-over food
✓	Meat, bones & eggshells
✓	Bread, pasta & rice
✓	Tea bags & coffee grounds
✓	Dairy products
✓	Seafood
✓	Take away food
✓	Baked goods
✓	Pizza boxes
✓	Paper towel & used tissues

### GARDEN ORGANICS

✓	Pruning
✓	Grass clippings
✓	Weeds
✓	Branches*
✓	Plants
✓	Small shrubs
✓	Twigs* (no logs)
✓	Leaves & flowers
✓	Untreated timber* (no logs)
✓	Newspaper
✓	Shredded paper
✓	Hair & fur



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## NOT GOOD FOR YOUR FOGO BIN

Some items are made from a combination of materials, some of which are from plants or animals and some not. To prevent the contamination of good FOGO, it's best to keep these items **OUT** of your FOGO bin:

- Fabric, even if made of cotton, wool or calico (may contain dyes, synthetic stitching or fasteners)
- Nappies (may contain plastic or other synthetics)
- Plastic bags, even if marked as degradable, compostable or biodegradable (may contain a mix of plastic types).
- Concrete, rocks, bricks, pebbles and ceramics.
- Copper, brass, steel and other metals.
- Treated timber, painted timber and combination timber products such as plywood and laminated timber (may contain glues and other synthetics).

Shake off excess soil from plant roots and try to keep dirt and soil out of the FOGO bin so that it does not become too heavy. Do not place tree stumps in your FOGO bin.

If you're unsure what to do with a particular waste item, please contact Council for advice.

For more information on our FOGO service, contact Council on 6429 8900.



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