



# FOGO - Tips & tricks



## Caddy and liner

- Sort your kitchen caddy somewhere close to your benchtop where you prepare food to make it easier to remember.
- Wrap meats or bones in newspaper or kitchen paper towel before placing into your caddy.
- Freezing smelly items like fish or raw meat or other very smelly items (e.g. fish or prawn shells) sit in the caddy for too long, instead freeze them until your FOGO collection day.
- Empty your caddy and replace your liner in your caddy every 2-3 days even if not full.
- Wash or rinse out your caddy regularly. Council caddies are dishwasher safe!
- You can use kitchen paper towel of newspaper to liner your caddy or nothing! Using paper towel to line your caddy will soak up any moisture.
- If Council's supplied caddy doesn't work for you, you can choose to use a different container, like a food storage container, old ice cream container, old yogurt tub or bowl that you empty daily. It's up to you to decide what works best for you and your household to sort your food scraps!
- Do not double knot your liner. A loose knot ensures that all of the liner will breakdown during the commercial composting process.

Never put any plastic packaging or plastic bags in your caddy or outdoor FOGO bin – not even degradable, biodegradable bags – they contain plastic and contaminate the compost your FOGO makes.

Only lime green 100% COMPOSTABLE liners can be used that are of Australian Standards AS4736, look out for the seedling logo.





## FOGO Bin

- Place your green-lid FOGO bin out for every collection, even if the bin is not full.
- Sort your green lidded FOGO bin in a shady well-ventilated spot if possible.
- Line the bottom of your bin green lidded FOGO bin with a single sheet of cardboard to soak up and moisture and aid in emptying and cleaning.
- Layering garden clippings and food scraps where possible will help reduce odour in the big green lidded FOGO bin.
- Some natural and cost effective ways to reduce smells in your bin after collection: sprinkle baking soda, vinegar or whole cloves into your bin. Placing lavender, eucalyptus or mint oil in and around your bin can help with smells also and if you have concerns of pests/insects.
- Products like “BinKill” or bin deodorising products can be purchased from hardware stores and supermarkets that will assist with smell and insects.
- When possible after your FOGO bin has been emptied, leaving the lid open to ‘air out’. Just remember to close it by the end of the day!
- Many people give their wheelie bins an occasional hose-out, you can do the same with your FOGO wheelie bin. There are also private businesses that offer wheelie bin washing services.

**REMEMBER** – Your FOGO waste will be turned into quality compost. Soil with compost added able to absorb and store water better – making our soils more resistant to droughts. Your FOGO waste is valuable to our farmers and is an easy way for you to make a big difference.



Any FOGO questions?

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