

Food scraps are good to go in Mount Barker

Included in this pack is an aerated kitchen container and a roll of 150 compostable bags.

Only one container and one roll of compostable bags will be available to residents who are entitled to a green organics bin. The starter pack will be provided on a first in first serve basis and a maximum of 1,500 packs will be available annually for up to three years.

Why put my food scraps in the green organics bin?

Food **scraps** and other organic material makes up around half of what is left in rubbish bins.

By putting food **scraps** into your green organics bin it will be collected and processed into nutrient-rich compost. Composting food scraps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and divert compostable material from landfill. By taking part, you are doing your bit for the environment.

What if I already compost or use a worm farm?

Keep up the good work! You may wish to use your kitchen caddy for organic materials that you don't currently compost (e.g. meat, citrus, onions) and place in your green organics bin for regular collection.

If you use the compostable bags to collect for your backyard compost system, or worm farm, empty the contents into the system. The bags decompose slower than the food inside, particularly in backyard compost systems, which are not as hot as commercial composting systems. You can reuse bags once or twice.

What are the bags made of?

The bags are made of cornstarch, vegetable oil and compostable polyester. When commercially composted (in a hot, moist environment) they break down completely in around 30 days.

What if I need more compostable bags?

Please visit the Mount Barker District Council website at www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au or contact Council on **8391 7200** for further information on where additional bags can be purchased.

Odours and pests

Research conducted during the food scraps recycling trials showed that odours created by food scraps in the green organics bin were similar to those in the waste bin. You can reduce odours by simply placing green organics such as lawn clippings and leaves or even shredded paper on top of the food scraps.

Freezing food with strong odours until the night of your bin collection will also help reduce odours.

I don't have a green organics bin. What do I do?

Residences in Townships only are required to provide their own suitable green bin. Green bins can be purchased direct from SOLO, contact phone number 8295 5077. Please contact Council if you are unsure if your property is designated as "township". Commercial and industrial properties are not entitled to a green bin.

Please call the **Mount Barker District Council Customer Centre on 8391 7200.**

ALL FOOD SCRAPS ARE GOOD TO GO



UNSURE ABOUT WHICH BIN A SPECIFIC WASTE ITEM SHOULD GO INTO?

Visit zerowaste.sa.gov.au/recycle-right or call the *Recycle Right* hotline on **1300 137 118**.

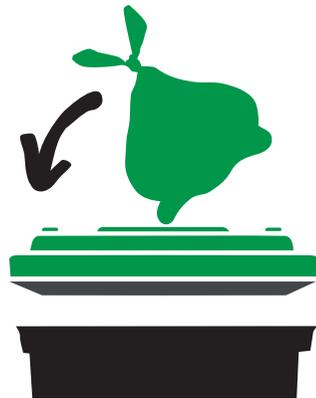
FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING IS AS EASY AS 1 2 3



1 Put one of the provided compostable bags into your kitchen caddy. Place all your food scraps into the lined kitchen caddy.



2 Remove the bag and contents every 2-3 days, tie a knot in the top of the bag.



3 Place bag into your green organics bin out for its normal collection, even if it is not full.

GOOD TO GO INTO THE KITCHEN CADDY



Food scraps



Tea bags, coffee grounds



Shredded paper



Peels



Paper towels



Tissues



Hair



Takeaway foods



- * Let hot food cool down before placing into your kitchen caddy
- * Freeze meat and seafood until your bin collection day (to avoid odours)



Fruit & vegetables



Egg, Oyster Shells



Seafood



Meat & bones



Cheese, Yoghurt



Cake, bread crusts

THESE ARE NO FOR THE KITCHEN CADDY

These items will not break down in compost. If you place these items in your green organics bin, we may stop collecting it.



Cling wrap



Nappies



Dishcloths & sponges



Cigarette butts or ash



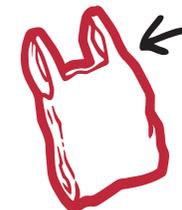
Liquids



Vacuum dust



Sharps



Never use plastic bags to line your kitchen caddy.

Even if they are labelled 'biodegradable', they will not break down in compost.