



GET READY TO FOGO

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CARING FOR YOUR BINS

In Albany, it's the responsibility of the property owner to provide the required kerbside bins, and the resident's responsibility to help keep them in good condition.

Here are some useful tips to help keep your bins in good working order.



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When FOGO starts, your lime-green lidded green waste bin will become your FOGO bin for food scraps and garden waste. Many green waste bins include a bio-insert designed to drain moisture. Unfortunately, branches and sticks can wedge in the frame and prevent your green waste sliding out when picked up by the collection truck. Newer bins don't include the insert and are far less likely to jam.

To get ready to FOGO and make sure food and garden waste slides out easily, please follow the steps at www.albany.wa.gov.au/fogo to remove the bio-insert if your bin has one. If you are unable to remove your insert, please contact the Waste Services Team for assistance.

Reuse your insert as a trellis in the veggie garden or drop it to Hanrahan Road Waste Facility for recycling – please do NOT put it in your kerbside recycle bin.

Bin TLC

Are your axles rusty?

Rusty axles can cause wheels to fall off! Slow rusting by spraying hubs and axles with a rust inhibitor spray.

Check your lid pins

Loose pins can lead to lid breakage. Check pins regularly and tap them in with a hammer to keep them secure.

Remove the anti-slap for longer lid life!

Most blue general waste bins have a rib in the centre of the handle which was designed to decrease noise during bin collection. Unfortunately, the rib puts extra stress on the bin hinge as the lid swings back, making it prone to breakage. There are instructions at www.albany.wa.gov.au/wastecollection to remove this rib to help extend the life of your bin. If you need assistance, please contact the Waste Services Team for assistance.

Need spare parts?

Spare parts including pins, axles and wheels are available for purchase from Plastics Plus at 148 Albany Highway or Cleanaway Albany at 12 Allerton Street.

Keep it clean

How to reduce bin smells

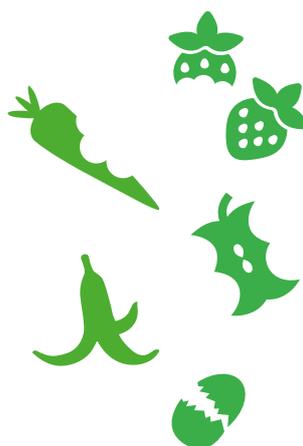
Unfortunately, all bins smell a bit! But there are some things you can do to reduce odours:

- Put your bins out for collection every scheduled collection day, even if they are not full.
- Keep bins in the shade if possible, with the lids tightly closed.
- Clean your bin regularly with hot soapy water.
- Try sprinkling baking soda, vinegar, oil of cloves or lemon juice into the bin after it has been emptied.
- Use a commercial bin deodoriser, available at hardware stores.

What about the FOGO bin?

When the new service starts your lime-green lidded FOGO bin will be collected once a fortnight, apart from mid-December to mid-February when it will be collected weekly. To reduce smells and deter insects in your FOGO bin, try these tips:

- Drain liquids from your scraps before putting them in the bin.
- Layer food waste in your FOGO bin with garden clippings, leaves, grass or paper.
- Keep particularly smelly food waste (such as shellfish or meat scraps) in a paper bag in your freezer and drop it in the FOGO bin closer to your collection day.
- Wrap animal droppings in paper.
- Do not overfill the bin – make sure you can close the lid.
- Drop some cardboard in the bottom of your FOGO bin after each collection before you start refilling.
- Hose out your bin occasionally to stop the build-up of waste.



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