

Managing your bins with the summer heat

Tips to minimise odours and help keep bins free of pests

In the kitchen

- Separate all food waste including meat, bones, seafood and dairy, and put it into your green bin to be collected weekly
 - Use a compostable bag in your kitchen food scraps bin and tie up the bag when you put it into your green bin
 - Cover any food while it's on the bench in the kitchen and store food (including fruit and veg) in the fridge or cupboard
- Take your food scraps out every 2-3 days, or more often in the hotter months
 - Clean the food scraps bin regularly using hot soapy water, or run it through the dishwasher

In the garden

- Clear pet waste from the yard regularly, tightly seal pet waste in a bag before putting it into the correct bin
- Store your bins in the shade, make sure your bins are not overfull and the lids can close properly
- Using scented bags and odour neutralisers, such as bi-carb soda, in your garbage bin can help minimise smells
- Make sure your bins are free of cracks and splits and contact us if your bins become damaged

In your bins

Flies are naturally attracted to food and rubbish because it provides the right environment for them to thrive. They lay eggs that become larvae (maggots).

Flies can get into your kerbside bins and the kitchen food scraps bin, even if the lid is only slightly open.

- Keep kerbside and kitchen food scraps bin lids securely closed to keep flies out
- Where possible empty nappy contents into the toilet and tightly wrap and bag disposable nappies before putting them into the garbage bin
- Clean your bins regularly
- Using scented soaps in your bins can deter flies from entering
- Wash your bins with warm salty water if they become infested



Pet waste

Pet waste **except cat faeces and litter** can go into your green bin. Tie it up in a compostable bag to seal the waste and help contain smells. Visit lakemac.com.au for more information.

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