

Separating food from garbage from 30 July

All food can go into your green bin and it will be emptied weekly from 30 July 2018. Help reduce waste to landfill by separating your food scraps from garbage. Contents of the green bin will be turned into compost for use on gardens, parks, farms and sports fields.

Getting started with food+garden=green

- Line your kitchen food scraps bin with a compostable bag to make it easy to transfer to your green bin
- Put it in an easy to access spot in the kitchen
- Scrape food scraps straight in from chopping boards, plates and bowls
- Empty the kitchen food scraps bin every few days, or when the bag is nearly full
- Put your green bin out to be emptied every week

Hints and tips

You can choose any container to separate your food scraps in the kitchen. An empty icecream container also works well.

You can tip food scraps loose into the green bin if you prefer not to use compostable bags, or if you run out.

To minimise odour in the bin, keep a lined container in the freezer to collect seafood and meat scraps. Put it into your green bin the night before it's emptied.

What can go into green bins?

- ✓ Meat, bones, poultry and seafood
- ✓ Grains, bread, rice, pasta and cereals
- ✓ Egg shells, cheese and yoghurt
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable peelings
- ✓ Cooked food and leftover scraps
- ✓ Coffee grounds, tea leaves and tea bags
- ✓ Dog faeces
- ✓ Branches, twigs, grass, leaves, flowers, prunings and all garden weeds

For a list of everything that can go into your green bin go to lakemac.com.au/food-garden-green

Only use AS4736 certified compostable bags in your green bin

Compostable bags are made of plant material and are different to biodegradable bags, which can contain plastic. Extra bags can be collected free of charge at all Lake Mac Libraries, Council's Administration Building, Works Depot, Landcare Resource Centre or at the Awaba Waste Management Facility.



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