

Waste Services update

FOGO Exemption

Glenorchy City Council moved to a three-bin waste collection service in February 2020. The new wheelie bin has a light green lid, collects garden waste and food waste and is called a FOGO bin (Food Organic Garden Organic).

All households* were given either a 240 litre or 140 litre FOGO wheelie bin, a small 7 litre bucket (called a kitchen caddy) and 12 months' supply of caddy liner bags. *Except houses zoned 'rural'. Please visit wastestartswithu.com.au/all-about-fogo for more information about FOGO.

Can I get a FOGO exemption?

We encourage everyone to use their FOGO bin and help Tasmanian farmers - your organic waste is composted for agricultural and landscaping use). But we recognise that some people might not need, or be able to use the FOGO service. You will be able to apply to be exempt from the FOGO service if:

- You already compost your own food/garden waste or produce very little. See over the page for examples of when this might apply to you
- You are in financial hardship and simply can't afford the FOGO service (in which case you will still get the FOGO service but may be exempt from the FOGO fee or other Council fees).
- You have exceptional or unusual circumstances which make a FOGO service unreasonable or impractical.

The FOGO charge is part of your rates. You can apply for an exemption at any time in the year, however if you are assessed between March and June, your FOGO service will continue until the end of that financial year, and any exemptions will be applied to the next rates period starting in July. Exemptions last for two years.

What happens after I apply?

You will be contacted after your application has been reviewed, and either:

- a. Given an exemption on your rates notice; or
- b. Provided a list of options that will help you become exempt, and invited to reapply.

Please see over for some examples of exempt households.



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Example 1



- Solo occupant
- Property size 204m²
- Estimated Organic Waste: 30kgs/year (lower than national average*)
- Low food waste
- Minimal green waste

EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITIES

One food waste diversion system in place e.g. compost bin, worm bin, Bokashi, garbage disposal unit, gives to neighbour's compost/animals, gets Meals on Wheels or is registered as compost donor on ShareWaste.

Example 2



- Two occupants
- Property size 890m²
- Estimated Organic Waste:
FOOD: 102kgs/year
GREEN: Trees, shrubs, vege patch, seasonal beds, lawn
- Average* food waste
- Average green waste

EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Two food waste diversion systems in place.** Either two compost bin units (one decomposing and one 'active' for putting food scraps). Or one compost bin and another composting system for food scraps, e.g. worm bin, pets that eat food waste, Bokashi, garbage disposal unit, gives to neighbour's compost/animals. Compost bins should be maintained (turned regularly) so they remain 'aerobic', not slimy or stinky and producing methane (aneorobic).
2. **One green waste diversion system** e.g. 'cold' compost pile or mulching machinery for larger green waste.

Example 3



- Family of four
- Property size 1152m²
- Estimated Organic Waste:
FOOD: 208kgs/year
GREEN: Trees, vege patch, shrubs, lawn
- Average* Food waste
- Green waste

EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Minimum three food waste diversion systems** in place to manage larger volume of food waste. Must have at least two large compost bins (one decomposing and one 'active' for putting food scraps), and another food waste management system for meat/bones/dairy. Compost bins should be maintained (turned regularly) so they remain 'aerobic', not slimy or stinky and producing methane (aneorobic).
2. **One green waste diversion system** for larger green waste, e.g. cold compost pile or mulching machinery

*National average for food waste is 1.735 kg/person/week, or 5.47 litres/person/week. Sources: Federal Government's *National Food Waste Baseline Report 2019* (page 87) and EPA's *Food Waste Tracking Survey 2017* (page 2). Note: GCC is using the lower reading of 1kg /person/week.